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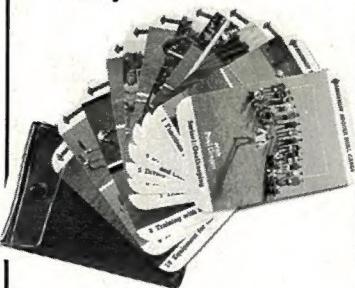
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FRONT COVER CAPTION: It's there! Spurs striker Garth Crooks punches the air after scoring against Leicester in the FA Cup Semi-Finals.

THIS IS IT . . . Match Weekly's exclusive verdict on all the championship, promotion and relegation issues.
Yes, we've undertaken painstaking research to predict the outcome at the end of the season.

And we've even forecast the points totals after assessing the remaining fixtures of the principal contenders at both ends of the table in all four divisions.

Our conclusions are based on facts.

We studied the League tables for the past ten seasons, and worked out the average points total (converted to three points for a win) required for championships, promotion or safety in all divisions.

We then assessed the post-Easter situation of the teams in contention and their run-ins before arriving at our final tables.

LIVERPOOL will regain the First Division Championship this season!

That's the exclusive 'Match Weekly' verdict following the crucial Easter holiday programme.

Swansea, Manchester United and Southampton have all blown their chances.

And it's now a three-horse race between Liverpool, Ipswich and domestic double-seeking Tottenham.

It may be tempting fate to turn a deaf ear to the massed voices of optimism from the Welsh valleys, but Swansea need maximum points and a near-miracle to topple the big guns.

Over the past ten years, history shows that an average points total of 84 (that's converted from the two points for a win system) is the target for the title pretenders.

Only Liverpool, Tottenham and Ipswich have a realistic chance of achieving that figure.

So, for Swansea and Manchester United, places in Europe are the only prizes within their capabilities.

But Liverpool are looking all the way Champions for the fifth time in seven seasons.

Five of their last eight matches may be away from their beloved Merseyside, but as they showed in the 5-0 destruction of Manchester City at Maine Road, it may take a steamroller to halt their impressive progress.

Since Bob Paisley's army slumped 3-1 at home to

Manchester City back on Boxing Day, Liverpool have taken the First Division like stormtroopers.

After that setback, they were twelfth in the table and ten points behind the leaders who just happened to be Manchester City.

But they then proceeded to accumulate an amazing 45 points from a possible 51 with 15 victories and only two defeats.

And, to make it even more remarkable, they are achieving their success with no fewer than six players chasing their first-ever Division One Championship — Sammy Lee, Craig Johnston, Bruce Grobbelaar, Mark Lawrenson, Ian Rush and Ronnie Whelan.

The average age of those six is 22, which underlines just how shrewd Liverpool are when it comes to fitting in new faces without any decline in standards.

Tottenham are in a position to challenge Liverpool all the way for the title, but their exacting programme, both from a stamina and testing point of view, may tell in the end.

They still have to play Liverpool twice in matches that could decide the destiny of the Championship, but they also face difficult hurdles including Ipswich (away), Manchester United (away), West Ham (away) and Swansea (home).

It's an arduous schedule for a side minus the silky skills of Ossie Ardiles and with cup football also on their mind. Runners-up berth seems their most probable home.

That 'magical' target of 84 points even looks beyond the reach of Ipswich, who fell at the final hurdle last season when chasing Aston Villa for the title.

They have the least demanding run-in with five of their last eight matches at home, but they can only afford to drop four points.

And, with the likes of Tottenham, Manchester United and Nottingham Forest still to visit Portman Road, it still presents an uncompromising fence even for such a talented unit.

It looks as though they will have to settle for third place behind Liverpool and Tottenham and a ticket into the UEFA Cup, which they lifted last season.

At the other end of the scale,

Left: Spurs' Garth Crooks — his goalscoring ability is vital to Tottenham if they are to push Liverpool all the way.

IT'S

MATCH FORECAST

DIVISION ONE

Pos.	Team Top Three	Points
1	Liverpool	84
2	Tottenham	80
3	Ipswich	77
	Relegated	
20	Birmingham	41
21	Sunderland	38
22	Middlesbrough	36

DIVISION TWO Promoted

1	Luton	83
2	Watford	78
3	Sheff. Wed.	71
	Relegated	
20	Grimsby	43
21	C. Palace	43
22	Orient	41

DIVISION THREE Promoted

1	Carlisle	81
2	Fulham	79
3	Burnley	78
	Relegated	
21	Swindon	48
22	Wimbledon	44
23	Bristol City	43
24	Chester	38

DIVISION FOUR Promoted

1	Wigan	93
2	Sheff. United	92
3	Bradford	91
4	Peterborough	88
	Re-election zone	
21	Rochdale	45
22	Scunthorpe	44
23	Halifax	42
24	Crewe	26

one can see no escape route for North East crisis clubs Sunderland and Middlesbrough, despite their Easter shows of defiance.

It may have come too late to save them from the trap-door. But for Wolves, their six-point holiday fiesta may keep them up.

The Midlands rivals Birmingham are on the slippery slope and it will take all the resources and talent of new manager Ron Saunders to rescue them.

It would be ironical in his case to have managed the Champions one season, and then be relegated the next, but that's how it looks at the moment.

Who'll come up?

Well, Luton and Watford have looked First Division bound for most of the campaign, and they seem certain to finish in that order.

Rotherham, Blackburn, Oldham and Newcastle have all made claims for the other promotion ticket at one time or another, but Sheffield Wednesday look favourites.



LIVERPOOL'S TITLE

THE table (below) lists the Champions for the past ten seasons, their points totals and, in brackets, the conversion into this season's new system of three points for a win.

It reveals that the average points total needed to win the Championship is 84, although the figures fluctuate between Liverpool's 98 in 1979 and Derby's 74 in 1975.

Liverpool, our favourites for the crown, are on course for an average return, because they are already well up on Derby's 1975 total at the same stage.

DIVISION ONE CHAMPIONS OVER THE LAST TEN SEASONS

Season	Team	Points
1980-81	Aston Villa	60 (86)
1979-80	Liverpool	60 (85)
1978-79	Liverpool	68 (98)
1977-78	Nottingham Forest	64 (89)
1976-77	Liverpool	57 (80)
1975-76	Liverpool	60 (83)
1974-75	Derby	53 (74)
1973-74	Leeds	62 (86)
1972-73	Liverpool	60 (85)
1971-72	Derby	58 (82)
Average:		60 (84)

Leicester are still in with a shout, but Jack Charlton's Wednesday have the points in the bag, and their home form in the final weeks should see them back in the big time for the first time since 1975.

Two London clubs, Crystal Palace and Orient, are destined to wave goodbye to the Second Division, which will be a savage blow to their new managers, Steve Kember and Ken Knighton respectively.

For Palace, riddled by internal problems for the past two seasons, it would be a virtual calamity considering they were in the First Division at this time last year.

Grimsby, who were in the promotion hunt themselves last season, may well join them, having spent most of this campaign struggling at the foot of the table.

It's any three from five in Division Three.

Carlisle, spearheaded by that old warhorse 'Pop' Robson, are set to lift the Championship, with Fulham and Burnley both making returns to the Second Division in their bid to recapture past glories.

But none of the trio can afford any slip-ups during the closing weeks as Lincoln and Oxford are both poised to elbow them out of

contention.

For cash-stricken Bristol City, the final straw will come with relegation for the second successive season.

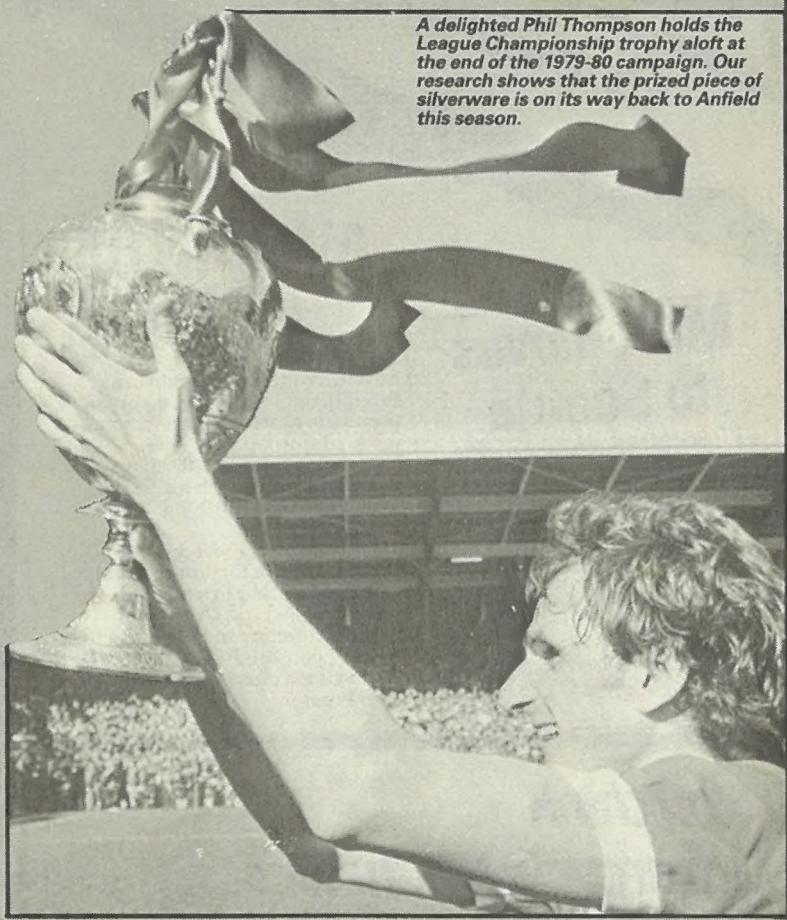
Their young side will have the chance to rebuild in the Fourth Division, along with managerless Chester, Wimbledon, who only came up last season, and Swindon, who were one of the early pacemakers before suffering a disastrous slump.

There are five clubs battling for the four passports from Division Four, and it looks as though David Webb's Bournemouth will be the odd one out.

Wigan, the League's newest club, are set to win the Championship from Sheffield United, Bradford and Peterborough.

Bournemouth's hopes will depend on whether they can produce the goods away from home with three of their last four away games against fellow promotion rivals.

At the bottom, Crewe are as good as on their knees already asking for re-election, and it looks as though they will be joined at the annual meeting by Halifax, Scunthorpe and Rochdale, although Northampton are by no means out of the wood.



A delighted Phil Thompson holds the League Championship trophy aloft at the end of the 1979-80 campaign. Our research shows that the prized piece of silverware is on its way back to Anfield this season.

FREE GIFT!

KEVIN KEEGAN says... World Cup fever is here, and with the prospect of playing in my first World Cup Finals now only weeks away, I'm as excited as anyone about what lies ahead.

England, Scotland and Northern Ireland are all there and no matter what the critics might say, we all have a chance of glory.

We know we may have to overcome some great sides, but don't rule any of us out.

It's 24 years since three Home Countries played in the Finals. And, to mark the occasion, Match Weekly has something really special in store for its readers — a FREE GIFT that no fan will want to miss.

I don't want to reveal too much

more about it now — there'll be more information in the magazine over the next couple of weeks — but take my advice and don't miss your World Cup gift by placing your regular order NOW for Match Weekly. Fill in the coupon below and take it to your newsagent.

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Match Chat

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

Mills moves to Seattle

NOTTINGHAM Forest forward Gary Mills withdrew from the England Under-21 squad last month to start a fresh career in America.

Gary, selected for England's European Under-21 Championship tie with Poland, has joined Seattle Sounders.

He has made only 13 full appearances for Forest this season, the last being at the end of February.

AWAY THE LADS!

THOSE Middlesbrough fans who have travelled the length and breadth of the country to support their side have at last had something to sing about.

After 15 months without an away win, Bobby Murdoch's side broke the spell in the North East derby with Sunderland.

And it was achieved in the 100th derby between the famous clubs, who are battling to avoid relegation from the First Division.

The 2-0 victory also saw the first goal for central defender Mick Baxter since his close season transfer from Preston.

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Off the record

IT'S not a statistic to gloat about, but there have been more sendings-off this season than ever before.

The new record was established when the 131st player was sent off last month.

Bournemouth on tour

FOURTH Division Bournemouth have been invited to New Zealand at the end of the season to play seven matches on a three-week tour.

DAVIS BREAKS HIS DUCK . . .

ARSENAL'S black forward Paul Davis has finally broken his scoring duck this season, despite missing only one League match.

The talented midfield player, who wears the number nine shirt, saved Arsenal with a last second equaliser at Wolves . . . his first goal in 32 First Division outings.

And to make it a great week, he won his first England Under-21 cap.

Razor-sharp Blades

FOURTH Division promotion-chasers Sheffield United didn't waste any time in battering Torquay into submission.

They swamped them in the first half with four goals in the space of seven devastating minutes — one of them coming from Colin Morris, his first since his £100,000 transfer from Blackpool at the beginning of February.

But all credit to Torquay for taking the second half honours 1-0 with a goal from former West Brom stalwart Tony Brown.

It's a record

WIGAN, the Football League's newest club, have established the first points record since the introduction this season of three points for a win.

Their 4-2 home defeat of York City on April 2 took their points tally to 76, two more than the previous League record of 74 set by Lincoln in 1975-76.

BIRCH BOOSTER

ALAN Birch, Barnsley's recent £90,000 signing from Wolves, gave his new side a promotion boost with two goals in the 3-0 derby defeat of in-form Rotherham.

They were his first goals for the Yorkshire club and the 23,000 crowd saw Barnsley complete a notable 'double' over their promotion-seeking neighbours.

Don wants to be a boss . . .

FORMER Scotland World Cup player Don Masson has hung up his boots.

The 35-year-old midfield mastermind at Notts County has decided to try and seek a career in management.

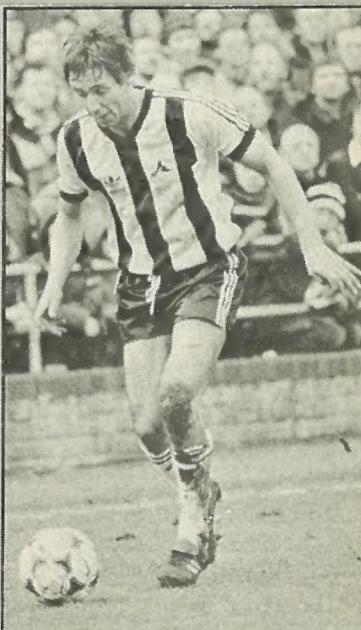
Don, now in his third spell with County, led them back into the First Division last season for the first time since 1926.

Apart from spells in America, Don also played for Middlesbrough, Derby and Queen's Park Rangers, making a total of 595 League appearances.

He collected 17 Scottish caps, the last being in that ill-fated World Cup defeat by Peru in Argentina, when he missed a penalty.

He made his farewell appearance in a testimonial match at Meadow Lane between Notts County and an England XI which fittingly ended in a 5-5 draw.

Right: Don Masson in action during what proved to be his farewell League match for Notts County against Manchester United at Meadow Lane last month.



TORONTO SNAP UP 'SUPERSUB'



FORMER Liverpool striker David Fairclough (above) has gone to Canada... to prove he still has a future in England.

David, dubbed 'Supersub' after scoring some vital goals for Liverpool when going on as substitute, has signed for North American Soccer League club Toronto in a £150,000 deal.

That means he has linked up with former Manchester United full-back Jimmy Nicholl who is also out to prove a point or two across the Atlantic.

David has not figured in the Liverpool side since undergoing a cartilage operation early this season.

"I'm going to show over the next five months that I've still got a future in England," he says.

"I think my attitude was wrong in the Liverpool reserves and this is what I need, a chance to play football at a high level."

"The whole object is to tune up to Liverpool's standards and show them, or another First Division club, I'm still the man for the job."

HEALER WHEELER REACHES MILESTONE

NOTTS COUNTY trainer Jack Wheeler has chalked up a remarkable sequence of 1,100 successive League matches with the bucket and sponge.

Jack, 62, joined County back in 1957 and hasn't missed a match in a 25 year spell which has covered all four divisions of the Football League.

FULHAM TWINS

THIRD Division Fulham have signed 15-year-old identical twins on schoolboy forms. They are Paul and Steven Byne from Barnes in London.

DID YOU KNOW?

FORMER Portsmouth goalkeeper Peter Mellor named his son Alexander James Wembley Mellor. He was born just before his father's FA Cup Final appearance for Fulham in 1975.

★★★★★★★★★★★

PHIL Boyer (Hong Kong), Paul Goddard (West Ham), Derek Hales (Charlton), David Kemp (Plymouth) and Dave Gwyther (Crewe) have all hit hat-tricks against their former clubs in the past five years.

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CARDIFF striker Peter Kitchen made a start un-matched by any other player in history. He scored within two minutes in both of his first two League games for Doncaster.

GRIMSBY LIFT GROUP CUP

GRIMSBY, battling against relegation to the Third Division, have made history by becoming the first winners of the Football League's Group Cup competition.

They defeated Third Division Wimbledon 3-2 in the Final of the competition which began as a curtain raiser to the season.

Two goals by Tony Ford paved the way for the 'Mariners' with Bob Cumming adding the third.

Kenny's killer

A GOAL from Scotland's Kenny Dalglish took Liverpool back to the top of the First Division on April 2 for the first time in 15 months.

Notts County were the victims at Anfield as Liverpool set out to make the running in their bid to win the title for the fifth time in seven seasons.

PETER'S PAY-OFF

NORWICH winger Peter Mendham didn't know he was playing in the East Anglian derby at Cambridge until the last moment.

But he repaid manager Ken Brown's faith in him by setting Norwich on the way to a vital 2-1 win with a scorcher of a goal.

Another player who made the most of a recall to duty was Southend's Danny Greaves, son of the former England and Tottenham star Jimmy.

After two months out of the side, he came back with two goals in the 3-0 home win over Bristol City which kept alive Southend's promotion hopes in the Third Division.

MICK GOES TO CARDIFF

FORMER Watford full-back Mick Henderson has joined Cardiff's annual fight against relegation from the Second Division.

Prior to joining the Welshmen, Mick had been out of the first team frame at Watford since November 1980. He cost the Second Division side £180,000 from Sunderland just a few months earlier.

WARDLE'S AWARD



GOALKEEPER Bob Wardle, one of the stars of Shrewsbury's FA Cup run to the Quarter-Finals, receives Match Weekly's Second Division 'Matchman of the Month' plaque for February from club chairman Mr Tim Yates.

Mascot waits for his chance

STEVE Saxby, an 18-year-old winger with Leicester, is waiting for his League chance, but he already has some fond memories of the Filbert Street side.

The local youngster says: "Back in 1972 I was a mascot for Leicester and led out a team that included David Nish, Peter Shilton and Keith Weller."

CANARIES FLY TO HONG KONG

TWO Norwich City players have joined the road to Hong Kong.

Ex-West Ham favourite Graham Paddon and former Orient defender Phil Hoadley have signed for Eastern AA, having been given free transfers by the Second Division club.

Earlier this season, midfield player Paddon spent a spell on loan to Third Division Millwall.

Scourge of the Scots!

NORTHERN Ireland striker Billy Hamilton hopes to keep his voodoo sign over Scotland next week.

The 24-year-old Burnley forward has been responsible for both the Irish goals in the past four matches against the Scots.

And what crucial goals they proved to be.

His first came on his home debut for Ireland in May 1980 and it proved enough to set the Irish on the road to their first outright British Championship win for 66 years.

The other came in March last year when his goal earned the Irish a vital World Cup point at Hampden Park.

The Irish failed to breach the Scottish defence in the other two clashes.

They were held to a goalless draw in Belfast last October on a night which saw Scotland clinch their passport to the World Cup Finals.

Holders

Prior to that, Scotland defeated Ireland 2-0 at Hampden in last season's abortive British Championship.

That was Ireland's only Home International last summer because of the troubles in Belfast, so they are still the holders of the championship.

But, following a crushing 4-0 defeat by England in February, the Irish desperately need victory over Scotland to give them any hope of retaining the crown.

And that's why young Billy is hoping to be the scourge of the Scots once again.

"For some reason, I just seem to do well against Scotland," he says.

"I think my goals against them in the past four matches have given me that extra bit of confidence.

"We have had some very good results against Scotland in the past and we are pretty confident about the outcome in Belfast next week."

"Our fans haven't seen us since we clinched our World Cup place against Israel last November, and I'm sure we will get plenty of support."

"After 4-0 defeats in England and France, we need a confidence booster and it would be ideal if we could produce a good performance at home."

"The Irish fans realise we are not going to win the World Cup.

They appreciate that it is a tremendous achievement for us to reach Spain.

"But we want to give a good account of ourselves over there and I'm sure we are capable of pulling off a surprise or two."

"It would be unbelievable if we could reach the second round."

"So it's important that we get a victory over Scotland next week to give our confidence a boost."

"We didn't play particularly well in England and France, but we know we are capable of something much better."

Reflecting on the last four clashes with Scotland, Billy says:

"It was great to score the winning goal against Scotland on my home debut."

"It was my first full appearance as well."

"I remember turning David Narey on the edge of the penalty area before firing home."

"But my goal at Hampden in the World Cup was more crucial."

"It was a set-piece we had been working on for days, but it had never really come off in training."

"Sammy Nelson crossed from the left, Gerry Armstrong made a dummy run and I left my marker with a late run to head past Alan Rough."

"John Wark snatched a late equaliser to rescue Scotland and, in the return in Belfast, they were lucky to escape with a goalless draw."

Scotland's first choice goalkeeper Alan Rough believes his international team manager Jock Stein may use the game against Northern Ireland to experiment once more.

Bench

"The manager brought in four or five youngsters for the game against Holland at Hampden Park and it was a very good achievement to beat the Dutch 2-1."

"I think we may see a few more fringe players come in against Ireland next week so Jock Stein can have a good look at them before he makes up his mind on the squad."

In fact, Alan himself half expects to be on the bench when the match kicks off in Belfast.

Explained the Partick Thistle star: "I don't think I've played against Northern Ireland in the Home Internationals for the past three years."

"It seems to be one of those fixtures when the manager likes

FIXTURES

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Wales v England (Cardiff)

Wednesday, April 28

N. Ireland v Scotland

(Windsor Park)

Monday, May 24

Scotland v Wales

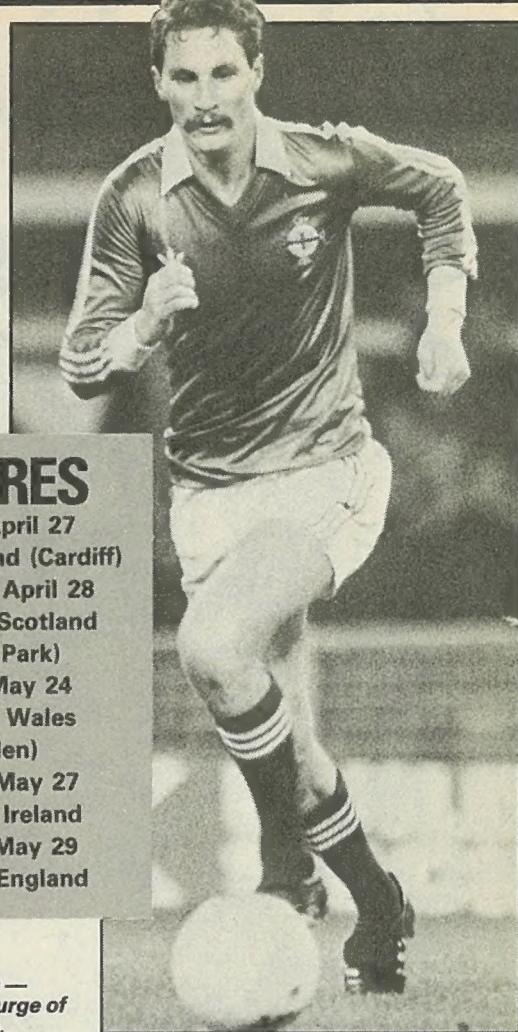
(Hampden)

Thursday, May 27

Wales v N. Ireland

Saturday, May 29

Scotland v England



Right: Billy Hamilton — hoping to be the scourge of the Scots once again.

HOME FIRES

to bring in Billy Thomson for a game."

But having played against the Irish in both Group Six World Cup qualifying matches, Alan is no stranger to Scotland's opponents next Wednesday.

"I don't think I've ever been on the losing side against Northern Ireland, but it's going to be very hard to win at their place."

"When we played out a 0-0 draw in Belfast last October to clinch our Spanish ticket, it was a very good result for both sides."

As to the importance of victory next week, Alan says:

"Our fans are probably the best in the world in my view and naturally they always want us to win."

"And while it will not be the end of the world if we don't lift the Championship, it would be a boost to go out to Spain as British Champions."



Alan Rough — "It would be a boost to go out to Spain as British Champions."

Vital game for England

THE Home Internationals could hold the key to England's success in the World Cup Finals.

Their midfield general Ray Wilkins, enjoying his best-ever season with Manchester United, said: "Games like the one against Wales next week are vital in our build-up to Spain."

"We don't get enough time to prepare for competitions like the World Cup, so every moment we do spend together is priceless."

"I can't see the day coming when we'll be able to shut ourselves away like the Argentines and the Italians so it's important that we make the most of the limited time available."

Experiments

And Ray believes that England manager Ron Greenwood will put an end to his experiments and select most of the side he intends to field in Spain.

"I can't see the manager springing any surprises at this stage. I expect him to pick the basis of the team he'll play in the Finals."

Wales defend a proud record against the English — they are unbeaten in their last three meetings — so Ray knows they'll provide a stern test.

"The Welsh will be coming at us with a lot of fire and spirit. After the disappointment of missing out on a place in the World Cup Finals, they'll be determined to put one over on us."

Right: England midfield general Ray Wilkins regards his country's game against Wales as vital to the World Cup build-up.

"In many respects, games against the Home Countries are tougher than playing teams from abroad. You're up against players you know and that makes it difficult to create openings."

"Games against Wales are usually especially difficult because they always put that bit extra into beating the English. Playing us is one of the



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Past records

WALES v ENGLAND: Played 94, England won 60, Wales won 13, drawn 21; Goals: England 236, Wales 88.

N. IRELAND v SCOTLAND: Played 88, Scotland won 60, Ireland won 14, drawn 14. Goals: Scotland 252, Ireland 78.

BRITISH INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	1	1	0	0	4	0	2
N. Ireland	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Scotland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



THE British Home Championship takes on a whole new meaning this year — coming as it does, so close to the World Cup Finals.

For England, Scotland and Northern Ireland it provides another vital opportunity to get it right in readiness for Spain.

And for Wales, it's a chance to put one over on the three British countries who will be making the trip to the Finals.

Here 'Match' looks ahead to next week's Championship fixtures involving Northern Ireland v Scotland and Wales v England.

highspots of their season."

Ray still has painful memories of England's last visit to Wales in May 1980. He played in the side which was crushed 4-1 at Wrexham.

"Obviously that defeat still stands out in the back of my mind and we'd love to put the record straight. With a bit of luck, it could be a different story this time round."

One man who will be doing all he can to thwart England is Tottenham defender Paul Price, who hopes to skipper the Welsh side in the clash at Ninian Park, Cardiff.

Paul has happy memories of his two previous clashes against England.

He made his international debut in Wrexham in May 1980 when Wales won 4-1 and last year played a key role in the team which held England to a 0-0 draw at Wembley.

Says the former Luton centre-half: "There's a lot of rivalry among all the British countries, but England is the big one for us. I just hope we can carry on in a winning vein."

"We don't feel we've got anything to prove against England because they qualified for the World Cup Finals and we didn't."

Toughest

"In fact, I wish them well. I'd love to see one of our teams actually take the trophy."

"Wales were in one of the toughest groups and we ended up missing out on goal average. In many respects, the blame lies firmly on our own doorstep. We should have beaten Iceland in our final game."

"It's very disappointing because I feel we could have done quite well out there," said Paul, who moved to Spurs in the close season.

"Missing out on a trip to Spain has made us even more determined to qualify for the European Championships in France. That's our target now."

"And a good result against the English would give us a great boost," added Paul.

Paul admits it was a surprise when manager Mike England handed him the captain's job for the first time against Spain last month, and, while he regards it as one of his proudest moments in a Wales shirt, it was tinged with regret.

He explained: "It was a great honour for me and I was very proud to lead the lads out, but it was tinged with sadness because I wished my father had been alive to see it."

"He was a fervent Welshman and it meant a lot to him when I was first capped. It would have been fantastic if he could have seen me skippering the side," added Paul, whose father died just over a year ago.

Left: Paul Price — skippering Wales has left him with one regret.

Match Weekly 'Man of the Year'

GLENN'S

England and Southampton skipper Kevin Keegan — he takes third spot.

GLENN Hoddle of the dazzling skills and scintillating shot is your 'Man of the Year'.

And typically, he has won the accolade in thoroughbred style.

The Spurs and England midfield magician collected more than 20 per cent of the total vote.

And that put him 840 votes clear of his nearest rival — young Liverpool striker Ian Rush.

Says 'Match Weekly' columnist Glenn — widely regarded as the most naturally talented player in Britain today: "I'm delighted to collect this award and I'd like to thank all those 'Match' readers who voted for me."

"It's been a great season for myself and for Spurs and it's a tremendous honour to get this award from you, the fans."

Glenn follows in the footsteps of young Aston Villa striker Gary Shaw who won the 'Man of the Year' award when it was first competed for last season.

And you left us in no doubt that he fully deserves the accolade for his contribution to a successful Spurs season which at one point saw them chasing a 'grand slam' of honours including the League Championship, FA Cup, European Cup Winners Cup and League Cup.

Here's just a small selection of the glowing tributes that accompanied your votes . . .

"His vision, passing and goals have been an important factor in Tottenham's success this season" — Lara Alford (13), Southampton.

"Glenn's passing, control and positioning are absolutely incredible. Brilliant on and off the ball" — Jeanette Howe (10), Boston, Lincs.

"He has so much skill and he's scored some superb goals" — Paul Sainthouse (14), Altrincham.



Cheshire.

"Glenn is the most imaginative player in Britain and his passing is second to none" — Christopher Stamp (13), Redcar, Cleveland.

"He has tremendous potential and delights everyone with his beautiful flicks and devastating through-balls" — Robert Ellis (16), Harlow, Essex.

"Glenn has been even more outstanding and consistent this season and, as usual, has hit some spectacular goals" — A. Nicholson (19), Ramsgate, Kent.

"He has confirmed once more this season that he should be a regular in the England team" — Silvio Mifsud, Rabat, Malta.

"Throughout the year, Glenn has been an inspiration to his team-mates and a joy to watch" — Sandra Jones (15), St Helens, Lancs.

"With his lethal combination of supreme vision, versatile, bewitching skills, perfectly judged passes and defensive awareness, Glenn is in a different class" — Debbie Wills (16), St Albans, Herts.

"Glenn is a marvellous advert for British football just at the time the game needs it" — Christopher Nuttall (14), Spalding, Derby.

You were full of praise, too, for the player who finished as runner-up to Glenn — young Liverpool hot-shot Ian Rush.

In his first full season as an Anfield player, Ian has forged a tremendous partnership with the experienced Kenny Dalglish.

And last month he shot to the top of the First Division goal-scoring charts.

Indeed, it was the former Chester player's goal that clinched League Cup Final victory for Liverpool at the expense of Spurs in March.

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Liverpool's Ian Rush — his goals have earned him the runner-up spot.

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YOUR MAN

TOP TEN

Player	Votes
1 Glenn Hoddle (Spurs)	2,190
2 Ian Rush (Liverpool)	1,350
3 Kevin Keegan (So'ton)	1,010
4 Ronnie Whelan (Liverpool)	740
5 Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool)	620
6 Graeme Souness (Liverpool)	490
7 Alan Brazil (Ipswich)	310
8 Cyrille Regis (West Brom)	260
9 Ray Clemence (Spurs)	190
10 Trevor Francis (Man. City)	130

Here's a few of the comments you directed at the new hero of Anfield . . .

"He has done so much for Liverpool and has made the game more exciting with his dazzling play" — Paul Capps (14), Burton-on-Trent, Staffs.

"Ian is a fantastic goalscorer, good in the air, fast on the ground and an ideal striking partner for any player" — John Fox (13), Dublin.

"He is a brilliant and unselfish striker and shows so much talent for someone so young" — Lisa Lane (14), Bradford, West Yorks.

"Ian takes the half-chances better than any player I have ever seen and has worn the red shirt of Liverpool with great distinction" — Nick Jones, Liverpool.

"Not many forwards could come into a side — especially Liverpool's — and lead the attack as well as Ian has done" — Ian Newbury (11), Hartlepool, Cleveland.

"Ian has matured into one of the hottest properties to come out of the lower divisions" — David Helmes (19), Bangor, N. Ireland.

It's a tribute to both Glenn Hoddle and Ian Rush that 'Match' columnist and England skipper Kevin Keegan — this season's Professional Footballers' Player of the Year — could only finish in third spot in our poll.

But, as usual, you had plenty of good things to say about the super 'Saint' . . . an inspiration in

skippering England to the World Cup Finals.

"He's a deadly finisher and I always admire the way he never retaliates when fouled. He's great" — Stephen Cole (11), Farnborough, Hants.

"His halo he wears with skilful pride, success he'll always bring, no fan he'll ever brush aside, 'cos Keegan is the King" — Simon Ponsford (15), Swansea.

"He is England's most complete footballer — dedicated and an example to everyone involved in the game" — Steve Pepper (20), Taplow, Berks.

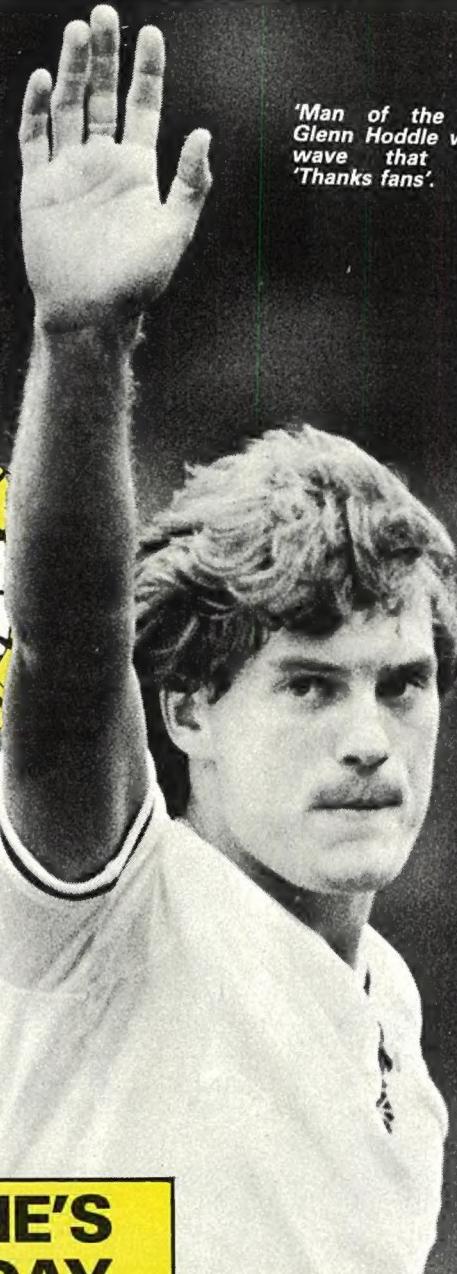
"His captaincy inspired all in helping England to the World Cup Finals" — Ian Roberts (9), Thetford, Norfolk.

The 'top ten' in our poll is dominated by Liverpool players with Ronnie Whelan, Kenny Dalglish and skipper Graeme Souness taking fourth, fifth and sixth places respectively.

Ipswich striker Alan Brazil, whose form this season has forced him into the reckoning for Scotland's World Cup squad, finished seventh.

Then came new England cap Cyrille Regis — enjoying probably his best season for West Brom — Spurs goalkeeper Ray Clemence, and filling the tenth spot, Trevor Francis of Manchester City.

'Match' would like to thank all those thousands of readers who took part in our poll.



'Man of the Year' Glenn Hoddle with a wave that says: 'Thanks fans'.

DIANE'S BIG DAY

FIFTEEN-year-old Diane Peel is the lucky 'Match' reader who will have the honour of presenting 'Man of the Year' Glenn Hoddle with his award.

Her entry was the first to be picked from the postbag and, in voting for Glenn, she wrote:

"His midfield brilliance is reflected in every game he plays. His team-mates depend on him to produce a spectacular match."

Diane lives at Castleford, West Yorks.

As an added bonus, because the entry was so large, we are giving away runners-up prizes of Glenn Hoddle photographs — personally signed by the Spurs star!

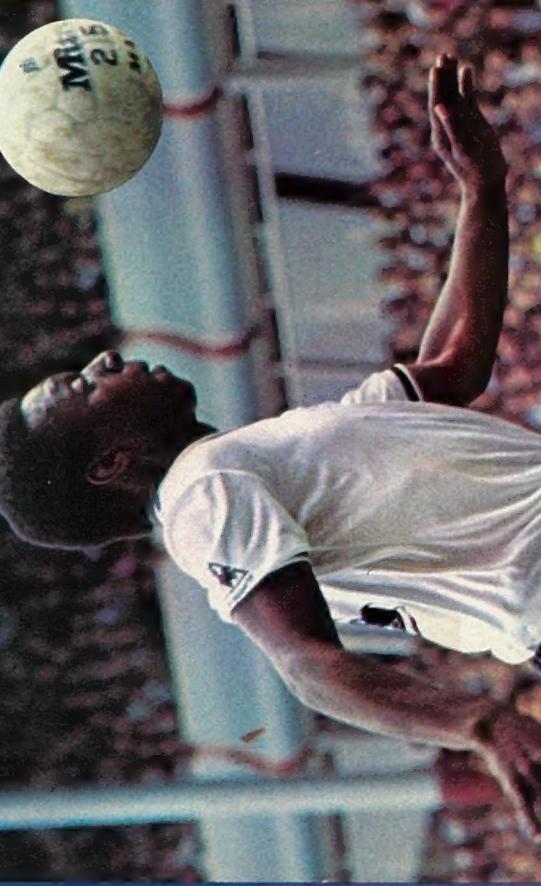
The ten lucky readers to receive a photograph are: Ian Ellis, Hammer Hill, Shropshire; Mark Jones, Skegby, Notts; Joanne Carter, Bickley, Kent; Paul McCarthy, Newmarket, Suffolk; David Brown, Codswall, Wolverhampton; Scott Elliott, Blackburn, Lancs; Bernard Lyons, Greenford, Middlesex; Karen Wells, Pontypool, Gwent; Juliette Murray, Boughton, Kent; and Barbara Fordham, Ryde, Isle of Wight.

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Garth's gem wrecks Leicester's dreams

Ardiles.

Garth, recalled after a four-game absence, was on hand to provide the stunning execution with a right foot thunderbolt that literally obliterated Leicester's Wembley dreams.

As the former Stoke striker joked afterwards: "Normally my right foot is just for standing on! But on this occasion, I knew I had to make a clean connection with the volley as Ossie Ardiles crossed

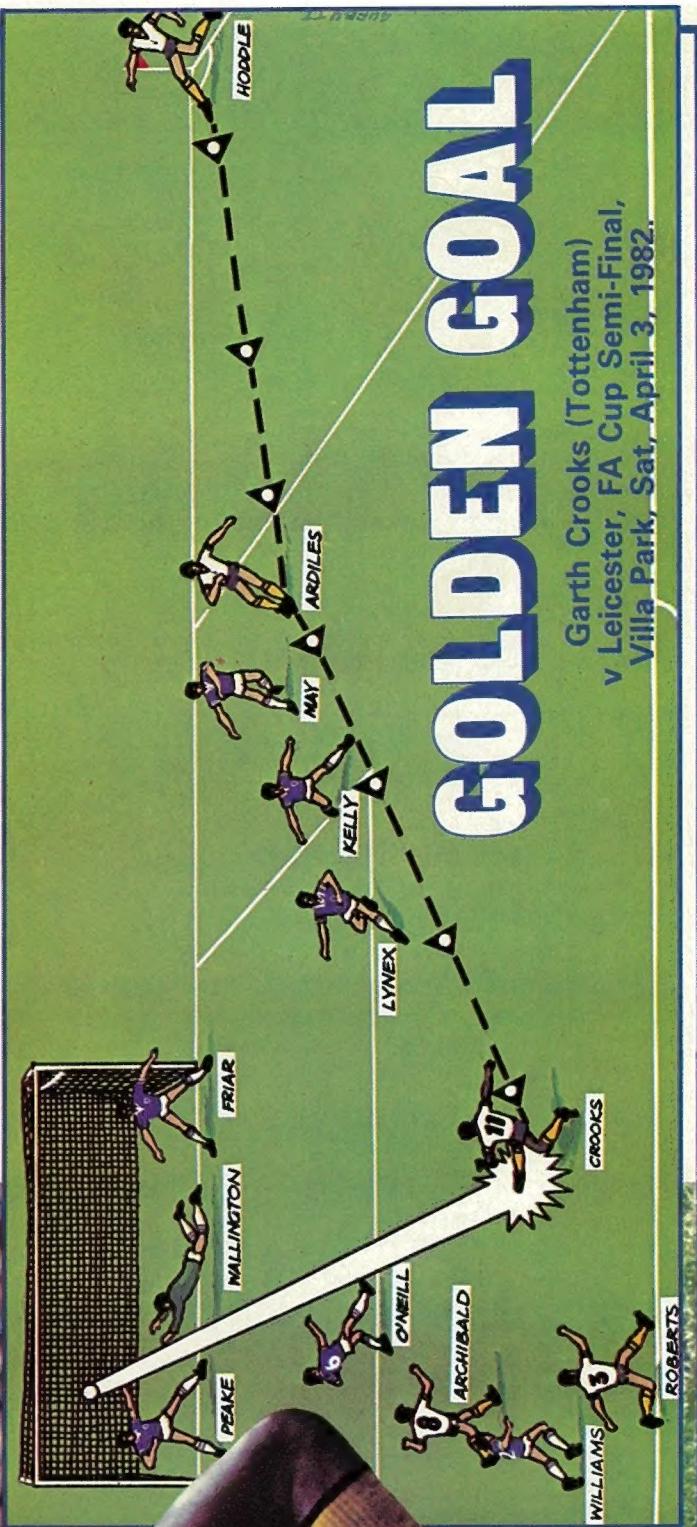
FA CUP holders Tottenham are back at Wembley for the fifth time in a year, and it was Garth Crooks who paved the way on this occasion with a pearl of a goal to sink brave Leicester.

After holding classy Spurs for almost an hour, the Second Division battlers were finally shattered by a set piece sucker-punch orchestrated by those two mifflid aristocrats Glenn Hoddle and Ossie Ardiles crossed

following Glenn's short corner.

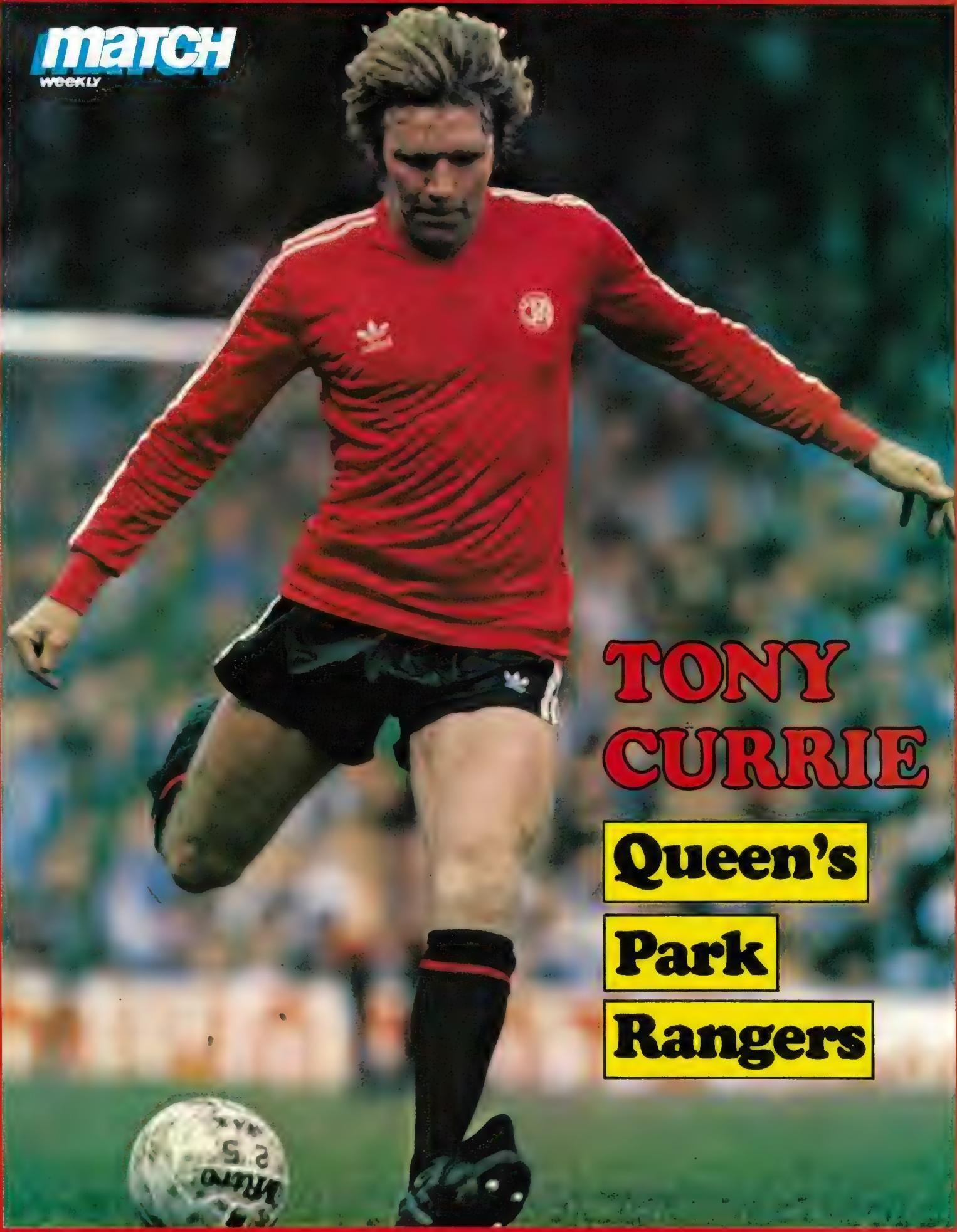
"It was our third set piece movement in the game and it was a very satisfying goal. "I hadn't been involved in much up to that point and the tie was at a stage where I thought I ought to do something."

Ian Wilson's tragic own goal ended the contest, but it was Garth who had caused the damage with that blistering 57th minute volley.



Garth Crooks (Tottenham)
v Leicester, FA Cup Semi-Final,
Villa Park, Sat, April 3, 1982.

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EL SALVADOR

They need
a miracle!

IT'S almost a miracle that any serious sport has survived in this war-ravaged Central American country.

In nearly three years of internal fighting, more than 40,000 people have died, but somehow the national football team has achieved success among the ashes.

In fact, when El Salvador last qualified for the Finals back in 1970, a ten-day war broke out with Honduras after a crucial qualifying match.

El Salvador took the honours 1-0 to clinch a place in Mexico, and the winning goal came from their current manager, Mauricio Rodriguez.

And, ironically, Honduras have



El Salvador's key man — midfield star Jose Huezo.

also qualified from the same Concacaf section.

While it's a near miracle that El Salvador will be battling it out in Spain, it will be a certain miracle if they manage to avoid embarrassing episodes at the hands of Argentina, Belgium and Hungary.

Belgium were also in their group in 1970 when El Salvador finished bottom without a point or a goal.

Mexico beat them 4-0, Belgium 3-0 and the Russians 2-0, but on the

way to Spain they defeated the Mexicans in the final qualifying tournament.

Manager Rodriguez, who took his squad to America at the start of last year to help their preparations, is banking on the form of 20-year-old goalkeeper Ricardo Mora, who can be certain of a busy time this summer.

El Salvador conceded just one goal in five matches during the final qualifying tournament which suggests their defence has a tough streak at that level of competition.

But on the other hand, they managed to score only two goals, one a dubious penalty, which indicates they have little in their armoury to upset the plans of Argentina, Belgium and Hungary.

HOW THEY GOT THERE

CONCACAF-CENTRAL ZONE

FINAL TOURNAMENT (Honduras):
Canada 1, El Salvador 0 — Nov. 2, 1981.
Mexico 0, El Salvador 1 (Hernandez) — Nov. 6, 1981.
El Salvador 0, Cuba 0 — Nov. 11, 1981.
Honduras 0, El Salvador 0 — Nov. 16, 1981.
Haiti 0, El Salvador 1 (Huezo, pen.) — Nov. 19, 1981.

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Honduras	5	3	2	0	8	1	8
EL SALVADOR	5	2	2	1	2	1	6
Mexico	5	1	3	1	6	3	5
Canada	5	1	3	1	6	6	5
Cuba	5	1	2	2	4	8	4
Haiti	5	0	2	3	2	9	2

WORLD CUP FIXTURES

GROUP THREE:

June 15 — Hungary (Elche)
June 19 — Belgium (Elche)
June 23 — Argentina (Alicante)

PREVIOUS WORLD CUP FINALS

1970

COLOURS

Shirts: White with blue collar and cuffs; Shorts: White; Socks: Blue.



EL SALVADOR:
Back row (left to right) — Jose Huezo, Francisco Osorio, Miguel Angel-Diaz, Jose Jovel, Ricardo Mora, Francisco Hernandez. Front row — Jorge Gonzalez, Carlos Recinos, Mauricio Alfaro, Oscar Guerrero, Joaquin Alonso.

A-Z WORLD CUP '82

CONTINUING our exciting World Cup series — an A-Z dossier on the Finalists who will be battling for glory in Spain this summer.

Each week, up until the opening match of the Championship on June 13, reporter Melvyn Beck will be bringing you a detailed look at all the teams chasing soccer's biggest prize . . . highlighting their qualifying records, star players and probable squads.

And look out for the exclusive 'Match Weekly' verdict on each side — with a star rating out of five indicating each country's chances of success.

It's a series not to be missed, so by the time the star-spangled event kicks off, you'll have a complete file on each of the 24 hopefuls.

This week we spotlight England and the minnows from El Salvador . . .

MATCH VERDICT *

IT would be one 'El' of a surprise if tiny El Salvador made life uncomfortable for Argentina, Belgium and Hungary.

The Central Americans could hardly have chosen a tougher group in which to advertise their wares.

They did show in the qualifying tournaments that their defence has a mean streak at their level, but no doubt the superior skills of their group rivals will find it easier to crack.

They failed to score on their last appearance in the Finals back in 1970, so if they manage a goal this time they will probably regard that as something of a moral victory.

● FIRST ROUND EXIT

Probable squad

PLAYER	AGE	TEAM	POSITION	CAPS
Ricardo MORA	25	Atletico Marte	Goalkeeper	15
Eduardo HERNANDEZ	23	Santigueno	Goalkeeper	7
Carlos RIVERA	26	Independiente	Goalkeeper	1
Jaime RODRIGUEZ	24	Bayer Uerdingen	Defender	34
Ramon FAGOAGO	24	Atletico Marte	Defender	23
Francisco OSORTO	25	Santigueno	Defender	18
Carlos RECINOS	29	Deportivo Fas	Defender	31
Miguel-Angel AREVALO	24	Chalatenango	Defender	3
Mario CASTILLO	23	Santigueno	Defender	10
José JOVEL	25	Deportivo Aguila	Defender	26
José HEUZO	26	Atletico Marte	Midfield	46
Mauricio ALFARO	28	Alianza	Midfield	26
Juan QUINTEROS	28	Santigueno	Midfield	32
Silvio AQUINO	28	Alianza	Midfield	9
José-Luis RUGAMAS	26	Atletico Marte	Midfield	18
Alfredo RIVERA	25	Atletico Marte	Midfield	17
Mauricio QUINTANILLA	26	C.D. Xelajú	Striker	6
Jorge GONZALEZ	22	Deportivo Fas	Striker	35
Francisco HERNANDEZ	24	Santigueno	Striker	23
Miguel GONZALEZ	25	Atletico Marte	Striker	14
Oscar GUERRERO	29	Independiente	Striker	12
José-Maria RIVAS	25	Alianza	Striker	16

ENGLAND

Problems to solve

ENGLAND'S struggle to qualify for the World Cup Finals against some of the lesser mortals raised doubts about their chances in Spain.

Shock defeats in Norway and Switzerland left deep wounds in England's pride, and left us wondering how Ron Greenwood's side would fare against some of the more powerful nations.

But 'Match' believes England could surprise a few people in Spain.

France and Czechoslovakia are sure to extend England in the opening matches, but if the manager can obtain the right blend in the preparatory matches, then there is easily enough ability in the squad to at least overcome the first hurdle.

Injuries to strikers Paul Mariner and Trevor Francis and new centre-half Alvin Martin have interrupted preparations in attempting to formulate a settled side.

There are problems in all three departments to solve before England embark on their first World Cup Final bid for 12 years.

MATCH VERDICT ★★★

ENGLAND'S hopes of progressing to the Second Round of the World Cup Finals could hinge on their opening clash with France on June 16.

If Ron Greenwood's men can achieve the right result against the French, then they will have the platform on which to build an extended run in the competition.

There is enough ability in the squad to overcome France and Czechoslovakia in the First Round but after that hurdle stand much bigger fences.

It's then that we will wonder whether England can survive the more powerful countries.

SEMI-FINALS



COLOURS

Shirts: White with red and blue bands across shoulders; Shorts: Royal blue with red and white bands; Socks: White with red and blue bands.

ENGLAND (left to right) — Kevin Keegan, Ray Clemence, Terry McDermott, Paul Mariner, Russell Osman, Trevor Francis, Phil Thompson, Phil Neal, Mick Mills, Glenn Hoddle, Bryan Robson.

Ron Greenwood has to decide whether to bank on the warrior qualities of big Dave Watson or plump for the inexperience and youth of Alvin Martin at the centre of the defence.

Does he put his faith in the silky midfield skills of Glenn Hoddle, who has proved something of an enigma in the white shirt of England?

Does he remain faithful to Ipswich's Paul Mariner, the hero in the crucial qualifying victory over Hungary last November, even though he has spent most of this year on the injury list? Or can big Cyrille Regis fulfill his First Division potential in the international arena?

There is no doubt that England have plenty of strength, aggression and stamina, the qualities that have always been associated with football in this country.

But it's a matter of debate whether we have enough players with the kind of skill and vision necessary to compete with the Brazilians, West Germans and Argentinians on the world stage.



England skipper and 'Match Weekly' columnist Kevin Keegan — hitting goalscoring form at just the right time.

WORLD CUP FIXTURES

GROUP FOUR:
June 16 — France (Bilbao)
June 20 — Czechoslovakia
(Bilbao)
June 25 — Kuwait (Bilbao)

PREVIOUS WORLD CUP FINALS

1950, 1954 (Quarter-Finals),
1958, 1962 (Quarter-Finals), 1966
(Winners), 1970 (Quarter-Finals)

HOW THEY GOT THERE

EUROPE GROUP FOUR
England 4 (McDermott 2 (1 pen.), Mariner, Woodcock).
Norway 0 — Wembley, Sept. 10, 1980.

Rumania 2, England 1
(Woodcock) — Bucharest, Oct. 15, 1980.

England 2 (Mariner, Tanner og).
Switzerland 1 — Wembley,
Nov. 19, 1980.

England 0, Rumania 0 —
Wembley, Apr. 29, 1981.

Switzerland 2, England 1
(McDermott) — Basle, May 30, 1981.

Hungary 1, England 3 (Brooking 2, Keegan pen.) — Budapest,
June 6, 1981.

Norway 2, England 1 (Robson) — Oslo, Sept. 9, 1981.

England 1 (Mariner), Hungary 0 —
Wembley, Nov. 18, 1981.

LEADING SCORERS: Mariner,
McDermott 3, Woodcock,
Brooking 2.

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hungary	8	4	2	2	13	8	10
ENGLAND	8	4	1	3	13	8	9
Rumania	8	2	4	2	5	5	8
Switzerland	8	2	3	3	9	12	7
Norway	8	2	2	4	8	13	6

Probable squad

PLAYER	AGE	TEAM	POSITION	CAPS
Ray CLEMENCE	33	Tottenham	Goalkeeper	58
Peter SHILTON	32	Nott'm Forest	Goalkeeper	35
Joe CORRIGAN	33	Man. City	Goalkeeper	7
Viv ANDERSON	25	Nott'm Forest	Defender	9
Kenny SANSON	23	Arsenal	Defender	19
Phil THOMPSON	28	Liverpool	Defender	31
Phil NEAL	31	Liverpool	Defender	34
Mick MILLS	33	Ipswich	Defender	35
Alvin MARTIN	24	West Ham	Defender	1
Dave WATSON	35	Stoke	Defender	64
Bryan ROBSON	24	Man. United	Midfield	15
Terry McDERMOTT	30	Liverpool	Midfield	21
Trevor BROOKING	33	West Ham	Midfield	44
Ray WILKINS	25	Man. United	Midfield	43
Steve COPPELL	26	Man. United	Midfield	34
Glenn HODDLE	24	Tottenham	Midfield	9
Trevor FRANCIS	27	Man. City	Striker	24
Kevin KEEGAN	31	Southampton	Striker	60
Tony MORLEY	26	Aston Villa	Striker	2
Paul MARINER	28	Ipswich	Striker	18
Cyrille REGIS	24	West Brom	Striker	1
Tony WOODCOCK	26	Cologne	Striker	20

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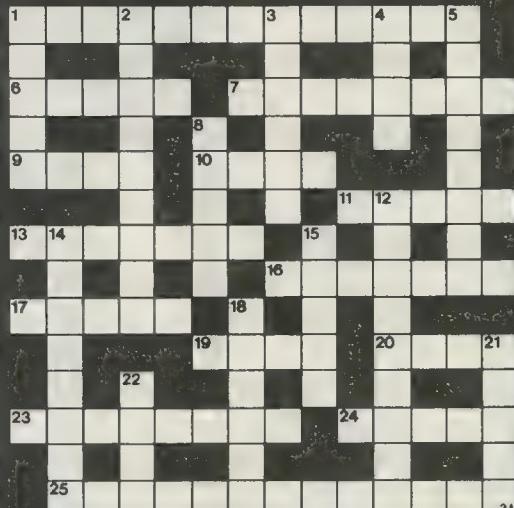
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ACROSS



- Bert's in the middle of this famous ground (7,6)
- ... and this — the most famous of the Clarke brothers — used to be at home there (5)
- This Division Three club has (just like the club at 1 across) a fox as its symbol. (8)
- Play the ball to have a long shot or make a long pass (4)
- Play the ball to make a carefully-judged, short overhead shot or pass (4)
- Striker — Kemp joined Plymouth Argyle from 7 across (5)
- Midfielder Mick has played over 200 League matches altogether for Coventry and Norwich (7)
- Striker on the 200-match mark this season — all for Swansea (7)
- Coventry have often had this Thomas at the back this season ... (5)
- ... with this Steve up front (4)
- Miss a dead simple goal opportunity (4)
- Ref's in the middle of this club! (8)
- Maurice the manager (5)
- A defender may go down on one knee doing this to an opposition forward with the ball (7,6)

DOWN

- One of the brothers of 6 across (being one of the two of his brothers who turned out for 7 across) (5)
- Goalkeeper Eddie who has played for Hull and York sounds like a club himself! (9)
- 'V. Aspin' (anagram) — this Preston North End midfielder made over 400 appearances for the club in the 1960s and 1970s. (6)
- Snookes played for Preston, Crewe and Southport before joining Rochdale. (4)
- The BBC and ITV will not — matches the players have sponsors' names on their shirts (8)

- Do the opposite of 20 across (5)
- 'Vic Morava' (anagram) — an international keeper in the First Division (9)
- Defender with well over 300 turn-outs for Barnsley (8)
- Does he add colour to Luton's attack? (5)
- Winger who has been involved in plenty of moves — Doncaster to Forest to Derby to Southampton to Sheffield Wednesday ... (6)
- The club at 1 across used to be called this before they became 'City' (5)
- The match before the final (4)

STOP THE ACTION



SPURS' goal comes under pressure during this season's FA Charity Shield game at Wembley. With the help of the picture, how many of the following questions can you answer?

- Name the players in the picture.
- What was the final score and who scored the goals?
- A player from each side made their debuts. Who were they?
- Who won last season's Charity Shield?
- A team must win one of two competitions to qualify for the Charity Shield. Can you name them?

RIDDLE TIME

A MOVE to Leeds United back in the early 70's fell through for me on medical grounds, but I've since moved on four times after starting my career at the Hawthorns. I'm currently a Scottish international and doing my second spell with a club in the North West. Answer next week.

● The answer to last week's riddle was John Hollins (Arsenal).

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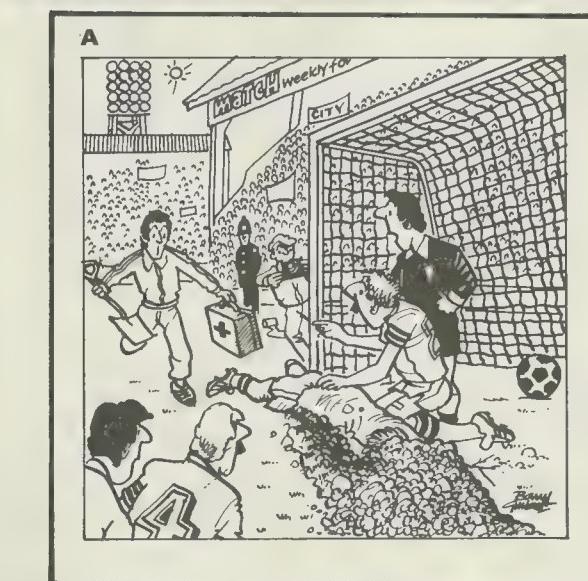
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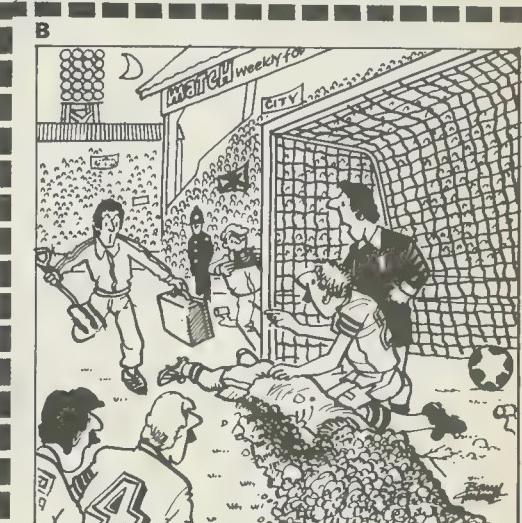


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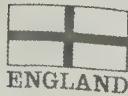
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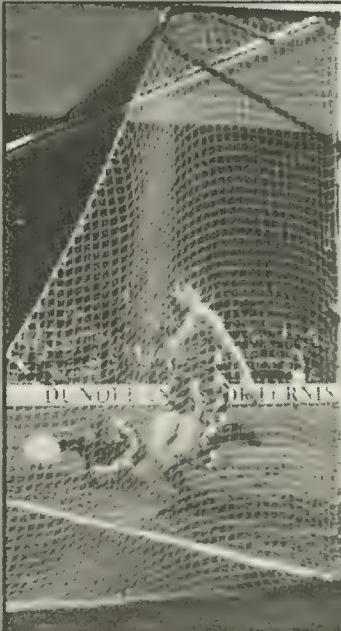
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Aberdeen's John Hewitt follows the ball over the St Mirren goal line after goalkeeper Billy Thomson had been beaten by a shot from Mark McGhee to put his side 1-0 up at Dens Park.



A close shave for Forfar as a Sandy Jardine effort rebounds from the bar with goalkeeper Stuart Kennedy beaten. Derek Johnstone is the challenging Rangers forward.



The ball is over the line from the boot of Davie Cooper (left) after Derek Johnstone had headed down an Ian Redford cross. This was Rangers' third goal in their 3-1 victory over Second Division Forfar at Hampden Park.

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RANGERS and Aberdeen will meet in the Scottish FA Cup Final at Hampden Park on May 22 and this picture special spotlights some of the goals that took them there with action from their Semi-Final replay victories over Forfar and St Mirren.



Aberdeen's Mark McGhee (right) heads goalwards through a crowded St Mirren goalmouth, but the ball went just wide of the post.

Billy Thomson is beaten by Neil Simpson's shot to make it 2-1 to Aberdeen after 36 minutes. St Mirren pulled the game level through Doug Somner, but a 75th minute goal from Peter Weir won the day for Aberdeen.

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for a feature on
Rangers' Sandy
Jardine and his
incredible cup
record.

DREAM DEBUT



Coventry's Mark Hateley in high speed action against Aston Villa's Gordon Cowans. "When my second goal went in against Poland I thought I was dreaming," he says.

Mark makes two-goal start

YOUNG Coventry striker Mark Hateley has set his stall out for England's next World Cup bid in four year's time.

His two-goal dream debut for England Under-21's against Poland has whetted his appetite for the big time.

He has already achieved more than his illustrious father Tony managed during his club-trotting career and now he has his eyes on the full England squad.

"I've proved myself at England youth level, and I suppose I haven't made a bad start for the Under-21's," says the 20-year-old, who has really made his mark in the First Division this season.

"It's every footballer's ambition to play for his country and I hope it won't be too long before I get my chance at the top level."

The lanky forward couldn't have written a more explosive first chapter to his Under-21 career.

He struck twice in the opening twenty minutes at Upton Park and, in the end, his

goals were just sufficient to take England into the Semi Finals of the European Championships.

Recalling those golden moments, he said: "The first goal came from a set piece move we had been working on before the match."

"Andy Peake played in a free kick and I managed to get in a diving header."

"It's difficult to describe my feelings when I realised that I had put England ahead on my debut."

"And when the second went in, I could hardly believe it. I thought I was dreaming."

"I thought my night would be ruined when Poland pulled both goals back in the second half and got a late penalty that would have taken them through on the away goals rule."

"But Iain Hesford made a brilliant penalty save and we all breathed a sigh of relief."

Mark's dad, the former Chelsea and Liverpool striker, missed his son's story-book debut, but he was soon on the telephone to send his congratulations.

"When I was selected, he told me to go out

and enjoy myself. He would have done had he been selected for an England team."

"He couldn't make the match because of work commitments in Liverpool, but he phoned me early the next morning to say how thrilled he was."

It was Mark's ambition at the start of the season to break into the England Under-21 squad, but he feared his chance had gone.

"I thought I might have made the squad for the first leg in Poland, but Coventry had prior commitments, and so I thought my chance had gone."

"But when I was selected for the squad this time, I was thrilled to bits."

"I just couldn't describe my feelings when I was told that I was playing. I was literally over the moon."

"I suppose it helped in a way to have my club manager Dave Sexton in charge of the team because that helped me to relax."

"To play for England has been the crowning moment to my best season in the First Division."

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Penpals

IT'S back to the drawing board for Manchester United's League Championship hopes.

Although the race is far from over, our own hopes of lifting the First Division title now hang in the balance.

We've got to depend on so many other teams dropping points that we've become no more than an outside bet for the trophy. But that's not to say the players have given up hope.

As long as the title is up for grabs, we'll be battling to win it, but realistically all the signs point to Liverpool.

Easter weekend is traditionally make-or-break time for Championship aspirations and Liverpool confirmed their superiority with convincing wins over Manchester City and Stoke.

Having said that, 'The Reds' still have to play their main rivals, Spurs, twice and, if they drop a couple of points, the race could be blown wide open again.

Obviously we've been very disappointed with our home form. We just haven't been scoring goals at Old Trafford and, if you can't hit the net on your own patch, you're going to struggle.

I know it's an easy thing to say, but I don't believe 'Lady Luck' has been too kind to us. Okay, we've played badly against a couple of sides and our 1-0 defeat at the hands of Coventry was perhaps our worst.

Pressure

But against teams like Arsenal, Manchester City and even Liverpool we were unlucky not to take three points.

People have been saying that we hate playing at Old Trafford in front of our own fans — but nothing could be further from the truth. Of course we feel pressure, but it's nice pressure.

I agree that those fans who travelled with us this season have got better value from us than those who've just watched our home games.

But the fact of the matter is that there have been a lot more away wins this term than ever before. I believe that's because of the new three points system.

A draw is no longer worth that much and teams have got the technique of playing away down to a fine art. The onus is always on the home side to go out and score goals so the visitors hit you on the counter-attack.

On Saturday, we travel down to the South coast to play Brighton — one of the most improved teams in the First Division.

The match will give me an opportunity to check on the progress of my old team-mate Andy Ritchie. From what I've heard, he's doing very well since his move to the Goldstone Ground nearly two years ago.

At last Andy is fulfilling what everyone expected of him. He's always had the ability to become a top goalscorer. Now he's proving it at Brighton.

Mike Thomas should also be facing his old team-mates. Although the Welsh international has had his problems since his

The STEVE COPPELL

The man Ron Greenwood described as essential to England's World Cup hopes brings you more behind-the-scenes news and views from Old Trafford. Don't miss his regular column — it's only in 'Match'.

column

UPHILL BATTLE

Goal famine hits United's League hopes

close season transfer from Old Trafford, he's still a very good player and will be determined to put on a good performance against us.

On the United front, it's great to see Ashley Grimes back in the United first team squad following his lay-off with a mystery virus he picked up in the summer during our tour of Malaysia.

The Eire international made his return against Liverpool when he came on for Martin Buchan and then scored a couple of days later in our 3-3 draw at Everton.

Animal

His return means that the 'Ashley Zoo' is back in full cry! Ashley is a great animal mimic and when he's in top form, our dressing room sounds like a menagerie.

His elephant impersonation is his best, although he's very versatile and can take off cats, dogs and even monkeys!

When he was ill, Ashley was a shadow of his former bubbly self. He was very depressed. It just seems a pity that the season is coming to a close as he's approaching full fitness again. He may look a bit ungainly at

times, but he's a player I've always rated very highly. We've yet to see the best of him.

On a personal note, England manager Ron Greenwood made some very complimentary remarks about me following England's 1-1 draw in Bilbao.

He said that I was an essential part of the England set-up and he couldn't see a team without me in it. His remarks came as a complete surprise and made me feel very proud.

But the last time he said anything like that about me, I was dropped and didn't play for about six internationals! I hope the same doesn't happen this time.

I've been very happy with my form both for United and England. I seem to be getting it all together just at the right time. Now I've got to maintain that right up to the end of the season.



Steve Coppell — "People say that we hate playing at Old Trafford, but nothing could be further from the truth. The fact is we have had more away wins this season because of the three points system."

● Steve Coppell was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

DAVE WATSON

Norwich city



Stratton on Saturday

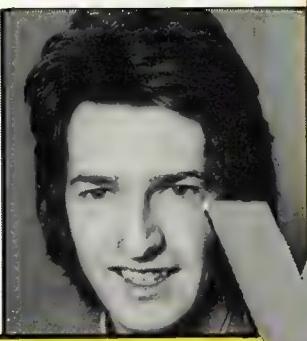
£5 IS THE PRIZE!

I'M Paul Stratton and if my challenger (opposite) can prove he's a better tipster than me, he wins £5!

In the panel below, I've given my predictions for ten selected matches and you can see my guest opponent's predictions alongside them.

There's a space for your forecasts and a column for the actual result so, just for fun, you can try to beat me too.

Award two points for every score you get right and one point if you get the result right (i.e. home win, away win, draw) but the scoreline wrong.



Pictured above is my special guest opponent this week — 14-year-old Stephen Hewitt of Kings Norton, Birmingham. Stephen's a Birmingham fan and his favourite player is Kevin Dillon.

DING-DONG DELL

YOUNG 'Saint' Steve Moran savoured one of the best moments of his short career against Liverpool.

It was back in November of this season when the young Southampton striker's goal was enough to earn Lawrie McMenemy's men three points at Anfield.

Sadly for Steve — the PFA's 'Young Player of the Year' — a back injury means he will miss the return at The Dell on Saturday.

But even without the menace of Moran up front, I'm taking the Saints to land the double over Liverpool and so maintain what is the best home record in the First Division.

It won't be easy. No game against Liverpool ever is and the Merseyside giants are in Championship mood once more.

Southampton's victory in November signalled the Reds' second home defeat in the space of three games, but they've since eroded an 11-point gap to storm to the top of the League.

So a classic encounter is on the cards with Southampton skipper Kevin Keegan eager to show his former team-mates why he's one of the country's leading scorers this season.

Brighton are one of the First Division's draw specialists at home this season and that looks the likely outcome of Saturday's visit to the Goldstone Ground of title-chasing Manchester United.

The Seagulls left Old Trafford earlier this season with no points and three bookings for their troubles — thanks to goals from Birtles and Stapleton for United.

And while their three former Manchester men Mike Thomas, Andy Ritchie and Mike Robinson will be keen to further blemish United's somewhat fading Championship push, a share of the spoils looks likely.

Meanwhile in London, Spurs, FA Cup Finalists for the second year in succession, take on Notts County.

The Nottingham side — favourites for the drop at the start of the season — have surprised

more than a few teams this season.

Indeed, they drew with Spurs at Meadow Lane earlier this season thanks to a goal in the final minute from centre-half Brian Kilcline.

Garth Crooks scored both Tottenham's goals that day, which made the equaliser particularly sweet for his marker, Kilcline.

It looks like turning sour in the return on Saturday!

I've predicted possible scorelines for ten of Saturday's matches and the challenge is beat me if you can!

As usual there is £5 at stake in my special challenge against one lucky 'Match' reader.

● Congratulations to John Keeley of Winsford, Cheshire, who beat me ten points to 4 on Saturday, April 3.

Fixtures

Saturday, April 24
DIVISION ONE

- Birmingham v Swansea.....
Brighton v Man. Utd.....
Everton v Arsenal
Man. City v Ipswich
Middlesbro' v Coventry
Nott'm F. v Aston Villa
Southampton v Liverpool
Stoke v Wolves
Spurs v Notts Co.
W.B.A. v Sunderland
West Ham v Leeds

DIVISION TWO

- Barnsley v Charlton
Bolton v C. Palace
Cambridge v Leicester
Cardiff v Q.P.R.
Chelsea v Derby
Newcastle v Grimsby
Norwich v Blackburn
Oldham v Wrexham
Rotherham v Luton
Shrewsbury v Orient
Watford v Sheff. W

DIVISION THREE

- Bristol R. v Hull
Burnley v Bristol C.
Chester v Brentford
Doncaster v Plymouth
Exeter v Newport
Gillingham v Carlisle
Huddersfield v P'rtsmth
Millwall v Fulham
Preston v Oxford
Reading v Southend
Swindon v Lincoln
Wimbledon v Chesterfield

DIVISION FOUR

- Colchester v Darlington
Hartlepool v Port Vale
Hereford v Mansfield
Hull v Bury
Northampton v P'boro
Scunthorpe v Halifax
Sheff U. v Bournemouth
Torquay v Stockport
Tranmere v Aldershot
Wigan v Rochdale
York v Crewe

SCOTTISH
PREMIER DIVISION

- Aberdeen v Airdrie
Dundee v Morton
Hibernian v St Mirren
Partick v Celtic
Rangers v Dundee U.

FIRST DIVISION

- Ayr v Hamilton
Dumbarton v Kilmarnock
Dunfermline v Hearts
Falkirk v Raith
Motherwell v Clydebank
Q. of S. v Queen's Pk
St Johnstone v E. Stirling

SECOND DIVISION

- Arbroath v Albion
Berwick v Sten'muir
East Fife v Clyde
Forfar v Brechin
Montrose v Meadowbank
Stirling A. v Alloa
Stranraer v Cowdenb'th

Sunday, April 25
DIVISION FOUR

- Bradford v Blackpool
● Does not include any re-arranged fixtures.

WHO WON THIS WEEK?

POINTS SCORED

PAUL
YOURSELF

AGGREGATE SCORES CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

PAUL
YOURSELF

Saturday, April 24	MY FORECAST	GUESTS FORECAST	YOUR FORECAST	RESULT
Brighton v Man. Utd	1-1	1-1		
Southampton v Liverpool	2-1	1-2		
Spurs v Notts Co.	3-2	3-1		
Newcastle v Grimsby	3-0	3-0		
Watford v Sheff. Wed.	1-0	2-1		
Huddersfield v P'rtsmth	2-0	0-0		
Millwall v Fulham	1-2	0-1		
Sheff. Utd v B'rnmth	2-0	2-1		
York v Crewe	2-0	2-0		
Aberdeen v Airdrie	3-0	3-0		



The GLENN HODDLE Column

Your 'Man of the Year' once more welcomes you to his football world. Read his comments on the title race, the departure of Argentine ace Ossie Ardiles and the 'roughhouse' with Barcelona. Don't miss his regular column — only in 'Match'.

LIVERPOOL MAY BE TITLE FAVOURITES, BUT

It's not over yet!

LIVERPOOL'S title? Don't you believe it!

When they went five points clear at the top of Division One on Easter Monday, a lot of people were already handing them the trophy.

But there are still three or four teams in with a chance . . . including Spurs. And that has to be good for football.

Alright, we've got to do well in our games in hand on the others, but at the same time Liverpool have got to keep winning.

And we've still to play them twice — at Anfield on May 15 and at White Hart Lane on May 31.

It's in our own hands because so many of the top teams have still to play each other.

We certainly didn't do ourselves any harm in our two Easter matches with a 1-0 home victory over Ipswich and a 3-1 victory at Arsenal, though we were disappointed about dropping a point at home to Sunderland last Wednesday night.

I was fortunate enough to score the goal which earned us the three points against Ipswich on the Saturday.

It was particularly pleasing because I had my back to goal but managed to screen the ball before turning and hitting it low into the corner of the net.

Arsenal were below their best when we played them two days later, but the result was especially good because they are our great rivals.

Injuries

Of course, Garth Crooks scored two of our goals that day to take his total for the season to 17 and, considering his injury problems, he's done really well.

The weekend before Easter, we were beating Leicester 2-0 to reach our second consecutive FA Cup Final and I'm sure I don't need to tell you how great it feels to be going back to Wembley again.

I really enjoyed the Semi-Final tie at Villa Park from both a personal and a team point of view and, while Leicester worked hard, I thought there was only one side going to win.

But you had to feel sorry for their midfielder Ian Wilson, who put through his own net to give us a 2-0 lead.

As I told him when the final whistle went, I wouldn't wish that on anyone.

The game against Leicester was the last for Ossie Ardiles before he left to join up with the Argentinian squad in preparation for the World Cup Finals.

And according to some newspaper reports

I've read since, it may have been his final appearance in this country.

Whether that is to be believed or not, I don't know, but it is certainly a very delicate situation with Britain in conflict with Argentina over the Falkland Islands.

Forgetting politics for one moment, it would be very sad — not only for Spurs, but for English football in general — to think that Ossie had played his last game over here.

It would be a great loss because, when all is said and done, Ossie is just a pawn in the middle.

He took a lot of stick from the Leicester fans at Villa Park and his fellow countryman Ricky Villa got similar treatment from the Arsenal fans at Highbury more recently.

It's more difficult for Ricky because he's still in this country.

And if war between the two countries breaks out, it may have to be that Ricky returns to Argentina too, for his own sake.

I sincerely hope it doesn't come to that.

By the time most of you read this column, you'll know whether our 'treble' bid is still intact following the second leg of our Cup Winners Cup Semi-Final against Barcelona this Wednesday.

We certainly went out to Spain confident of getting the right result despite only drawing 1-1 in the first leg at White Hart Lane.

I don't know how many of you saw that match, but I'd rate it as one of the roughest first team games I've ever played in.

They were kicking us to bits and, while our players kept their cool in as much as there weren't any major retaliations, there were a lot of minor skirmishes which meant a lot of interruptions.

It made the game twice as hard for us, but I didn't see anything from them in terms of footballing skill to scare me.

On a happier note, let me once again thank all those readers whose votes earned me the Match Weekly 'Man of the Year' award.

It's always pleasing to get a pat on the back like this and I just hope you keep buying 'Match Weekly' and continue enjoying my column.

See you in a fortnight,



Ossie Ardiles clowns with the FA Cup at Wembley last year on the happiest day of his Spurs career. "It would be such a sad loss to English football should he never return to this country," says Glenn Hoddle.

Glenn Hoddle

Glenn Hoddle was talking to Paul Stratton.

Hot-shot Gordon has Wales target

WIGAN BOOST

WIGAN have strengthened their promotion bid from the Fourth Division by signing experienced defender Brian Taylor on loan from Preston until the end of the season. Brian, aged 30, has also played for Coventry, Walsall and Plymouth.

Sunk by a sub

TREVOR Lee, Gillingham's record signing, proved a 'supersub' in the 3-2 home defeat of Third Division promotion chasing Chesterfield.

He came on in the second half and scored twice as the Kent side came back from being 2-0 down.

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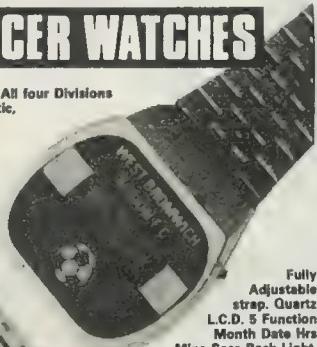
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HOT-shot Gordon Davies has an added incentive to shoot Fulham back into the Second Division this season.

If Malcolm Macdonald's side can make it this time, then he will boost his chances of reclaiming a regular place in the Welsh squad.

He was recalled recently for a brief spell as substitute in Wales' creditable 1-1 draw in Spain, and he is desperate to remain in Mike England's plans for the European Championship qualifiers which start next season.

But if he spends another season in the Third Division, then his international ambitions may well go up in smoke.

"It may be rather selfish, but I really need Fulham to get promotion this season," says Gordon, the Third Division's top scorer with 21 goals prior to the crucial Easter programme.

"Getting recalled to the Welsh squad last month after a two-year absence gave me a big confidence booster, and, having played for half an hour, I'm keen to stay there."

"But I realise that I have little chance of vying for a place in the Welsh attack with First Division players while I am playing in the Third."

"Mike England has told me that he will be looking at me more often in the Second Division."

"I did well in my two appearances for Wales in 1980 against Turkey and Iceland, but when Fulham were relegated I was left out in the cold."

"Now, having had another taste, I'm desperate to get back to the Second next season."

Promotion

"I'm happy playing with Fulham, but if we failed to get promotion, then I might have to re-think my future."

"But, at the moment, I am banking on us getting back into the Second. I don't think there are any better teams in the Third than us at the moment."

Fulham could finish only 13th last season after being relegated from the Second Division, but former Arsenal and England striker Malcolm Macdonald has them geared for promotion in his first full season in charge.

"There has always been plenty of ability in the Fulham squad, but Malcolm has improved the organisation of the team."

"The signing of Peter O'Sullivan from Brighton in the close season has given us plenty of experience on the left hand side of midfield."

"His presence was needed because we have basically a young side."

"And one of those youngsters, 18-year-old Dean Coney, has developed into a promising striker."

"Malcolm's enthusiasm for the game has rubbed off on all the players and I think our results this season must reflect on him."

"He has been particularly helpful to me as a striker because he trains with us and it's always better to pick up things from watching rather than listening."

So every goal Gordon collects between now and the end of the season could take him another step nearer his two-fold ambition — the Second Division and a place in the Welsh squad.

• Another striker with high hopes for the rest of the season talks frankly about life in the Second Division after his recent transfer from the Fourth on page 39.

**Focus on Divisions
Three and Four
with Melvyn Beck**



FULHAM'S GORDON DAVIES — "I'm banking on Second Division football next season."

BY GEORGE!

SOUTHAMPTON manager Lawrie McMenemy saw his forward George Lawrence have an impressive game in Oxford's 5-0 hammering of Swindon. George is on loan to the Third Division club in a move that followed the transfer of Oxford pair Keith Cassells and Mark Wright to the First Division Championship chasers. For poor Swindon, it was their second successive five-goal defeat.

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| 10 | out of this world |
| 9 | Outstanding |
| 8 | Excellent |
| 7 | Good |
| 6 | Adequate |
| 5 | Off form |
| 4 | Poor |

MATCH RATINGS

- | | |
|-------|------------------|
| ★★★★★ | A classic |
| ★★★★★ | Good value |
| ★★★★★ | Satisfactory |
| ★★★ | Dull |
| ★ | A waste of money |

Monday, April 12

Division One

ARSENAL (0) 1 (Hawley 56)
TOTTENHAM (1) 3 (Hazard 9, Crooks 54, 58)
 Att: 48,897
 Arsenal: Wood 6, Hollins 6, Sansom 7, Talbot 5, O'Leary 7, Whyte 6, Meade 5, Hawley 6, Nicholas 5, Robson 6 (sub. McDermott), **RIX 8**.
 Spurs: Clemence 7, Roberts 7, Miller 7, Price 7, Hazard 7, Perryman 7, **VILLA 8**, Jones 6, Galvin 6, Hodder 7, Crooks 7.
 Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl).
 Match Rating: ★★★★

ASTON VILLA (0) 3 (Geddis 53, 86, Evans 88)

BRIGHTON (0) 0
 Att: 22,731
 Aston Villa: Rimmer 6, Swain 5, Williams 6 (sub. Heard 6), Evans 6, McNaught 6, Mortimer 5, Bremmer 6, Geddis 7, Withe 6, **COWANS 8**, Morley 5.
 Brighton: Digweed 5, Shanks 7, Nelson 6, Grealish 5, **FOSTER 8**, Gattting 6, Stevens 6, Ritchie 5, Robinson 5, McNab 5 (sub. Stille 5), Thomas 7.
 Referee: D. A. Webb (Sale).
 Match Rating: ★★★

MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 1 (Moran 67)

WEST BROM (0) 0
 Att: 38,717
 Man Utd: Bailey 6, Gidman 6, Alibston 6, Wilkins 7, **MORAN 8**, McQueen 7, Robson 7, McGarvey 6, Stapleton 6, Grimes 6, Coppell 7.

Division Two

BLACKBURN (0) 0
BOLTON (1) 2 (Thompson 6, 72)
 Att: 11,912
 Blackburn: Butcher 6, Branagan 6, Rathbone 6, Speight 5, **KEELEY 7**, Fazackerley 6, Miller 5, Stonehouse 5, Bell 5 (sub. Burke 4), Garner 5, Brotherton 4.
 Bolton: **McDONAGH 8**, Whitworth 6, Bennett 6, Henry 5, Jones 6, Gowling 6, Chandler 5, Cantello 5, Foster 5, Reid 5, Thompson 6.
 Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley).
 Match Rating: ★★★

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0

CHELSEA (1) 1 (Walker 33)
 Att: 17,189
 Crystal Palace: Barron 6, Lovell 5, Hinschelwood 6, Price 7, Cannon 7, Gilbert 4, **GILES 8**, Smillie 7, Brooks 5, Mabbett 7, Hilaire 7.
 Chelsea: Francis 8, Locke 5, Wilkins 4, Nutton 6, Chivers 7, Pates 6, Britton 6, **WALKER 9** (sub. Canoville), Lee 6, Mayes 7, Fillery 7.
 Referee: C. Maskell (Cambridge).
 Match Rating: ★★★

DERBY (1) 3 (Skivington 2, Wilson 66, Buckley 75)

ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Seasman 85)
 Att: 14,080
 Derby: Banovic 6, Barton 7, **BUCKLEY 8**.

Skivington 7, Sheridan 7, McAlle 7, George 6, Atthey 6, Wilson 6, Swindlehurst 5, Emson 6. **Rotherham: Mountford 6, FORREST 8**, Breckin 6, Hughes 6, Stancliffe 7, Green 7, Towner 5, Gow 5, Fern 6 (sub. Alexander), Seasman 6, McEwan 5.
 Referee: D. Vickers (Ilford).
 Match Rating: ★★★★

LUTON (0) 2 (Stein 54, Jennings 57)

NORWICH (0) 0
 Att: 15,061
 Luton: Findlay 7, Stephens 7, Money 6, **HORTON 9**, Goodyear 7, Donaghay 8, Hill 7, Stein 8, White 6, Fuccillo 8, Moss 6 (sub. Jennings 8).
 Norwich: Woods 7, Haylock 6 (sub. Jack 6), Downs 8, McGuire 7, Walford 7, Watson 7, Barham 8, **O'NEILL 9**, Deehan 7, Bertschin 7, Mendum 6.
 Referee: B. Martin (Keyworth).
 Match Rating: ★★★★

ORIENT (0) 0
CAMBRIDGE (0) 0

Att: 3,162
 Orient: Day 7, Foster 6, Peach 6, Fisher 7, **GRAY 8**, Margerrison 6, Godfrey 6, Taylor 5, Houchen 6, Silkman 5, McNeil 6.
 Cambridge: **WEBSTER 8**, Donaldson 6, Murray 7, Smith 6, Fallon 6, Streete 5, Cartwright 6, Reilly 7, Gibbons 6, Finney 6, Christie 6.
 Referee: J. E. Martin (Hampshire).
 Match Rating: ★★

QPR (0) 0

WATFORD (0) 0
 Att: 22,091
 QPR: Hucker 7, Neill 7, Dawes 7, Waddock 6, **HAZELL 8**, Wicks 6, Roeder 6, Flanagan 6, Allen 7, Steinrod 7, Mickelwhite 7.
 Watford: Sherwood 7, Rice 7, **ROSTRON 8**, Taylor 7, Sims 7, Bolton 6, Callaghan 6 (sub. Poskett 6), Blissett 7, Armstrong 7, Lohman 5, Barnes 6.
 Referee: L. Shapter (Devon).
 Match Rating: ★★

SHIELDWEDNESDAY (2) 2 (Shelton 26, Pearson 44)

NEWCASTLE (1) 1 (Barton 15)
 Att: 29,917
 Sheff Wed: Bolder 6, Sterland 7, Williamson 6, Smith 6, Pickering 7, Taylor 6, Megson 7, Shelton 7, **BANNISTER 8**, Pearson 7, Curran 6.
 Newcastle: Carr 6, Brownlie 7, Saunders 7, Trewick 6, Barton 7, Carney 7, Mills 6, Martin 7, Varadi 6, Cartwright 7, **WADDLE 8**.
 Referee: N. Midgley (Salford).
 Match Rating: ★★★

WREXHAM (0) 1 (Carrodus 60)

SHREWSBURY (0) 0
 Att: 6,506
 Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 7, Jones 7, Bater 6, Cegielski 7, **DOWMAN 8**, Ronson 7, Leman 7, McNeil 6, Edwards 6, Fox 6, Carrodus 6.

Shrewsbury: Wardle 7, Griffin 7, Johnson 6, Cross 6 (sub. McNally), BLAKE 8, McLaren 7, Petts 7, Gibson 6, Atkins 6, Dungworth 6, Bates 6.
 Referee: R. H. Andrews (Warrington).
 Match Rating: ★★

BRISTOL CITY (0) 1 (Bray 67)

Bristol Rovers (1) 2 (Williams, D 3, Randall 54)
 Att: 10,791
 Bristol City: Shaw 6, Stevens 6, Williams 6, **MUSKER 7**, Boyle 5, Nicholls 5, Bray 6, Chandler 5, Newman 5 (sub. Devine 6), Economou 6, Hay 6.

Bristol Rovers: Kite 6, Jones 6, Slatter 6, MABBUTT 8, Parkin 6, Bailey 5, Barratt 7, Williams, D 7, Stephens (sub. McCaffery 6), Randall 6, Williams, B 6.
 Referee: R. S. Lewis (Gt. Bookham).
 Match Rating: ★★

CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 (Bonnyman, pen 43)

BURNLEY (2) 2 (Laws 27, Dobson 38)
 Att: 7,200
 Chesterfield: Turner 7, Bellamy 6 (sub. Ridley), O'Neill 6, **WILSON 8**, Green 6, Hunter 7, Robinson 6, Henderson 6, Bonnyman 7, Athersych 5, Crawford 6.

Burnley: Stevenson 7, Laws 7, Anderson 6, Cavenor 6, Dixon 5, Holt 6, Dobson 7, Steven 6, HAMILTON 8, McGee 7, Young 6.
 Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach).
 Match Rating: ★★★

LINCOLN (1) 2 (Cunningham 4, Neale 75)

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0
 Att: 8,203
 Lincoln: Felgate 6, Carr 7, **NEALE 8**, Cockerill 6, Peake 7, Thompson 7, Shipley 7, Turner 6, Hobson 7, Cunningham 7, Hibberd 7.
 Huddersfield: Cox 7, Brown 8, Burke 7, Stanton 7, Valentine 6, Hanvey 7, Lillis 6, **KENNEDY 8**, Hotte 6, Wilson 6 (sub. Fletcher 6), Cowling 6.

Referee: A. W. Grey (Great Yarmouth).
 Match Rating: ★★★

MILLWALL (1) 1 (Horrix 23)

SOUTHEND (0) 1 (Phillips 77)

Att: 3,025

Millwall: Sansome 6, Martin 6, Madden 5, Chatterton 5, Allardice 5, Roberts 5, Shinton 5, Messy 4, HORRIX 7, Dibble 5, West 4.
 Southend: Cawston 6, Stead 5, Yates 6, Pountney 5, Moody 5, Cusack 5, Greaves 5 (sub. Nelson 6), Phillips 6, Spence 5, Mercer 6, **OTULAKOWSKI 7**.
 Referee: E. A. Read (Bristol).
 Match Rating: ★

NEWPORT (3) 4 (Tynan, pen 14, Vaughan 39, Johnson 40, Gwyther 85)

GILLINGHAM (1) 2 (Price 2, 69)

Att: 4,353

Newport: Kendall 6, Walden 6 (sub. Gwyther), Vaughan 7, Davies 6, Oakes 6, Johnson 7, Elsey 7, Lowndes 7, TYNAN 8, Aldridge 6, Moore 7.
 Gillingham: Hillyard 6, Sharpe 6, Adams 6, Bruce 6, Weatherly 6, Sittow 7, Powell 7, Lee 6 (sub. White 6), Grewcock 7, Cascarino 7, PRICE 8.
 Referee: H. Taylor (Oadby).
 Match Rating: ★★★

OXFORD (1) 3 (Fogg, pen 39, Brock 54, Thomas 73)

DONCASTER (0) 1 (Russell 47)

Att: 8,278

Oxford: Burton 6, Fogg 6, Smithers 7, Train 8, Briggs 7, Shotton 6, Lawrence 6, Foley 7 (sub. Thomas), Hebbard 6, **BROCK 9, Jeffrey 7.**

Doncaster: Humphries 6, Russell 6, Lister 5, SNODIN 17, Cawthorne 5 (sub. Lally 5), Wiggin 6, Pugh 5, Liddell 6, Douglas 5, Snodin, G 6, Little 5.
 Referee: A. W. Ward (London).
 Match Rating: ★★★★

PORTSMOUTH (2) 3 (Senior 6, 74, Doyle, pen 8)

READING (0) 0

Att: 8,427

Portsmouth: Knight 7, McLaughlin 6, SULLIVAN 8, Doyle 6, Garner 6, Ellis 6, Crown 5 (sub. Wimbledon 6), Rafferty 6, Senior 7, Berry 6, Rogers 7.
 Reading: Fearon 6, Williams 5, Cullen 6 (sub. Donnellan 5), **HETZKE 8**, Hicks 7, Barnes 6, Earles 5, Kearney 5, Dixon 7, Wood 6, Webb 6.
 Referee: M. L. James (Horsham).
 Match Rating: ★★★

WIMBLEDON (1) 1 (Joseph 28)

BRENTFORD (0) 2 (Hurlock 60, Roberts 75)

Att: 4,513

Wimbledon: Beasant 7, Brown 6, Armstrong 6, Smith 6, Morris 5, Downes 6, Gage 5 (sub. Belfield), JOSEPH 8, Evans 6, Hodges 6, Elliott 5.
 Brentford: McKellar 6, McNichol 8, Tucker 6, Salman 8, Whitehead 6 (sub. Harris 6), Hurlock 7, Booker 6, Johnson 6, Bowen 6.

★BOWLES 8, Roberts 7.
 Referee: M. Dimblebee (Stevenage).
 Match Rating: ★★★

Division Four

ALDERSHOT (1) 2 (Sanford 28, McDonald 53)

HEREFORD (1) 2 (Price 25, Phillips 73)

Att: 1,748

Aldershot: Johnson 6, Edwards 7, Scott 6, Briley 6, Bennett 7, Jopling 7, Lucas 7, McDONALD 9, Sanford 5, Brodie 8 (sub. Wanklyn 5), Robinson 5.
 Hereford: Brand 6, **PRICE 9**, Bartley 5, Musial 5 (sub. Spirin 6), Hicks 6, Pejic 7, Harvey 5, Laidlaw 7, Phillips 8, Showers 5, White 7.

**Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood).
 Match Rating: ★★★★**

BURY (0) 1 (Gore 55)

BRADFORD (0) 1 (Campbell 89)

Att: 5,231

Bury: Brown 7, Howard 6, Hilton, P 6, Bramhall 6 (sub. Cruickshank 5), Kennedy 7, GORE 8, Smith 6, Jakub 6, Madden 6, Johnson 6, Butler 5.
 Bradford: Ramsbottom 7, Podd 7, Cooke 6, McFarland 6, Watson 6, Gallagher 5, Lester 5, STANIFORTH 8, Chapman 5, Campbell 6, McNiven 7.
 Referee: J. E. Bray (Hinckley).
 Match Rating: ★★★

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CREWE (0) 1 (Griffiths, pen 68)
TRANMERE (0) 1 (Craven 70)
Att: 2,015
Crewe: Longley 6, Lewis 6, Griffiths 6, Salathiel 7, Scott 6, Chesters 5, **★HASLEGRAVE 8**, Keighley 5, Entwistle 6, Howat 6, Williams 6.
Tranmere: Endersby 7, Parry 6, Burgess 6, **★HUTCHINSON 8**, Mungall 6, Williams 6, Powell 6, Hamilton 7, Kerr 7, Craven 7, Griffiths 7.
Referee: J. M. Key (Rotherham)
Match Rating: ★

DARLINGTON (1) 5 (McLean 40, Walsh 46, pen 67, 69, 89)
HARTLEPOOL (2) 2 (Harding 11, Clarke 18)
Att: 4,575
Darlington: Cuff 5, Kamara 6, Liddle 6, Smith 7, Skipper 8, Speedie 7, **★McFADDEN 9**, McLean 7, Hawker 6, Wicks 6, Walsh 8.
Hartlepool: Burleigh 7, Sweeney 4, Stimpson 5, Hogan 4, Bird 7, Linington 5, **★LINACRE 8**, Harding 5 (sub. Staff 5), Brown 7, Clarke 6, Johnson 5.
Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)
Match Rating: ★★★★

HALIFAX (1) 1 (Hendrie 1)
SHEFFIELD UNITED (1) 5 (Kenworthy, pen 36, 80, Charles 57, Edwards 72, 76)
Att: 8,077
Halifax: Kilner 6, Goodman 5 (sub. Whiteley 6), Carr 6, Evans 8, Ayre 6, **★HENDRIE 8**, Firth 7, Davison 6, Graham 5, Spooner 7, Bullock 5.
Sheff Wed: Waugh 7, Casey 6, Garner 6, Matthews 7, McPhail 6, **★KENWORTHY 8**, Morris 7, Trusson 6, Edwards 7, Hatton 7, Charles 6.
Referee: B. Newsome (Boseley)
Match Rating: ★★★★

PORT VALE (1) 1 (Sproson 31)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
Att: 3,012
Port Vale: Harrison 6, Tatt 6, Sproson 7, Bowles 6, Bromage 6, Deakin 6, Hunter 6, Greenhoff 6, **★KEEAN 8**, Moss 6, Chamberlain, M 7.
Northampton: Poole 7, Brady 5, Gage 5, Denyer 6, Carlton 6, Saxby 5, Buchanan 6, Sandy 5, Coffill 6, **★MASSEY 8**, Bryant 7.
Referee: M. Lowe (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★

ROCHDALE (1) 2 (Martinez 18, Wellings, pen 54)
YORK (0) 0
Att: 1,421
Rochdale: Crawford 7, O'Loughlin 7, Snookes 7, Dolan 6, Taylor 7, **★WEIR 8**, Hamilton 7, Williams 6, Goodwin 7, Wellings 6 (sub. Esser), Martinez 6.
York: **★ASTBURY 8**, Sweeney 6, Dawson 6, Hood 6, Smith 6, Aitken 7, Pollard 6, Ford 6, Walwyn 7, Crosby 6, Laverick 6.
Referee: J. Hough (Macclesfield)
Match Rating: ★★★★
Sending Off: Aitken (York)

STOCKPORT (0) 1 (Williams 60)
HULL (1) 2 (McClaren 11, Mutrie 54)
Att: 2,450
Stockport: Lloyd 7, Rutter 7, Sherlock 8, **★EMMERSON 9**, Thorpe 7, Smith 6, Williams 8, Sunley 6 (sub. Fowler), Coyle 7, Park 8, Stafford 7.
Hull: Norman 7, McNeil 7, Booth 7, Roberts 6, Thompson 8, Davis 7, Marwood 7, McLaren 8, Flounders 8, **★MUTRIE 9**, Richards 8.
Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)
Match Rating: ★★★★

Tuesday, April 13

Division One

COVENTRY (1) 1 (Singleton 35)
EVERTON (0) 0
Att: 11,858
Coventry: Sealey 7, Butterworth 7, Roberts 6, Jacobs 7, Dyson 7, Gillespie 8, Whittom 6, Singleton 7 (sub. Hormanschuk), Hately 6, **★THOMSON 9**, Hunt 8.
Everton: **★SOUTHALL 8**, Borrows 6, Ratcliffe 6, Higgins 7, Lyons 7, McMahon 6, Irvine 6, Heath 7, Sharp 7, Ainscow 7, Ross 6.
Referee: D. Reeves (Uxbridge)
Match Rating: ★★★★

IPSWICH (2) 3 (Brazil 15, Wark, pen 26, Osman 51)
WEST HAM (1) 2 (Cross 42, 80)
Att: 28,767
Ipswich: Cooper 6, Burley 7, McCall 5, Mills 7, Osman 7, Butcher 7, Wark 7, Muhran 7, Mariner 7, Brazil 7, **★GATES 8**.
West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 6, Allen 6, Orr 7, Martin 6, Devonshire 7, Van der Elst 7,

Goddard 7, Cross 7, **★BROOKING 8**, Neighbour 6 (sub. Cowie 6).
Referee: M. Taylor (Walmer)
Match Rating: ★★★★

LEEDS (0) 1 (Parlane 84)
MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Shearer 13)
Att: 20,458
Leeds: Lukic 7, Hird 6 (sub. Butterworth), Gray 6, Thomas 7, Hart 7, Burns 6, **★PARLANE 8**, Graham 7, Worthington 6, Connor 7, Barnes 7.
Middlesbrough: **★PLATT 8**, Natrass 7, Bailey 6, McAndrew 7, Baxter 7, Wood 7, Bolton 6, Ottie 6, Hodgson 6, Shearer 7, Thomas 7.
Referee: D. Scott (Burnley)
Match Rating: ★★★

LIVERPOOL (2) 2 (Kennedy 5, Johnston 35)
STOKE (0) 0
Att: 30,419
Liverpool: Grobbelaar 6, Neal 6, Lawrenson 7, Kennedy 6, **★WHELAN 8**, Thompson 6, Daiglish 7, Lee 7, Rush 6, Johnston 6, Hansen 6.
Stoke: **★FOX 7**, Parkin 6, Hampton 5, Dodd 5, Watson 5, McAughtrie 6, McIlroy 6, O'Callaghan 6, Chapman 6, Bracewell 5, Maguire 5.
Referee: K. Redfern (Whitley Bay)
Match Rating: ★★

SWANSEA (1) 1 (Curtis 27)
SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0
Att: 23,771
Swansea: Davies 6, Robinson 6, Hadzibabic 7, Irwin 7, Kennedy 6, Rajkovic 8, **★CURTIS 9**, James 7, James 8, Stevenson 7, Latchford 6 (sub. Stanley 6).
Southampton: Katalinic 6, **★BAKER 8**, Holmes 6, Williams 6, Nicholl 7, Whitlock 6, Keegan 6, Channon 7, Cassells 6, Armstrong 6, Ball 7.
Referee: A. J. Hamil (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Two

CHARLTON (2) 2 (Smith 17, Lansdowne 34)
CARDIFF (0) 2 (Stevens 46, Maddy 89)
Att: 4,186
Charlton: Johns 7, Naylor 6, Elliott 7, Mehmet 6, Smith 7, Phillips 7, Ambrose 6, **★WALSH 8**, Hales 7, Lansdowne 7, Ferns 7. Cardiff: Healey 7, Jones 7, Polycarpou 7, Pontin 6, Micaleff 7, Mullen 7, Grapes 6, Henderson 6, **★KITCHEN 8**, Maddy 6 (sub. Hughes), Stevens 7.
Referee: J. C. Deakin (Bedford)
Match Rating: ★★★★

LEICESTER (1) 2 (Melrose 21, Lineker 75)
OLDHAM (1) 1 (Steel 6)
Att: 14,298
Leicester: Wallington 6, Friar 7, Leet 6, Peake 6, May 7, O'Neill 6, Lynex 6, Lineker 7, Melrose 7 (sub. Welsh), Wilson 7, **★MacDONALD 8**. Oldham: **★McDONNELL 8**, Edwards 7, Ryan 6, Keegan 7, Firm 7, McDonough 6, Wyld 6, Heaton 7, Steel 7, Palmer 7, Atkinson 6.
Referee: R. G. Milford (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★★★

Division Three

CARLISLE (1) 3 (Craig 20, Bannon 67, Lee 73)
CHESTER (0) 0
Att: 5,340
Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Parker 7, Rushbury 7, Larkin 7, Ashurst 7, Craig 7, Ritchie 6, Coughlin 6, Robson 7, Lee 6, **★BANNON 8**. Chester: Harrington 6, Raynor 6, Burns 6 (sub. Cottam 6), Stortor 7, Zelem 6, Needham 6, Allen 7, Jones 7, Simpson 6, **★LUDLAM 8**, Henderson 6.
Referee: G. Tyson (Sunderland)
Match Rating: ★★★

FULHAM (2) 2 (Brown 29, 40)
SWINDON (0) 0
Att: 6,655
Fulham: Peyton 7, Hopkins 7, Strong 7, O'Driscoll 7, **★BROWN 8**, Gale 8, Davies 8, Wilson 7, Conney 7, O'Sullivan 7, Lock 7. Swindon: Allan 6, Henry 6, Baddeley 6, **★EMMANUEL 8**, Lewis 6, Stroud 6, Abbley 6, Carter 7, Rideout 7, Greenwood 6, Graham 6.
Referee: A. Gunn (Sussex)
Match Rating: ★★★

WALSALL (0) 0
PRESTON (2) 3 (Elliott 28, Bruce 38, 78)
Att: 3,507
Walsall: Green 5, Macken 6, Mower 6, Hart 5, Serella 5, **★BAINES 8**, Loveridge 6, Teasdale 5, Penn 5, Buckley 6, O'Kelly 6 (sub. Rees 6).

Preston: Hodge 6, Anderson 7, McAtee 7, ★NAUGHTON 9, Booth 7, O'Riordan 7, Kelly 7, Doyle 7, Elliott 8, Buckley 7, Bruce 8.
Referee: P. Richardson (Lincoln)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Four

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 4 (Morgan 18, Heffernan, pen 59, 60, Impay 69)
TORQUAY (0) 0
Att: 6,398
Bournemouth: Leigh 7, **★HEFFERNAN 8**, Sulley 7, Spackman 7, Brignull 6, Impay 7, Carter 6, Williams 6, Crawford 6, Morgan 7, Funnell 7.
Torquay: O'Keefe 5, Smith 5, Wilson 6, Sermanni 6, Lawrence 5, **★RIOCH 7**, Brown 6, Jones 5, Cooper 6, Tainton 6, Cox 5.
Referee: D. Axcell (Southend)
Match Rating: ★★★

MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Caldwell 39)
SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Cowling 5)
Att: 2,202
Mansfield: Arnold 5, Woodhead 5, Mann 6, Bell 6, Burrows 6, Wood 5, Cannell 5, **★CALDWELL 8**, Lumby 6, Nicholson 6, Parkinson 5.
Scunthorpe: Neenan 6, Grimes 6, Keeley 5 (sub. Cammack 5), **★ARINS 8**, Dall 7, Thompson 6, Stewart 5, Telfer 5, Cowling 6, Moss 5, Goodlass 6.

Referee: K. Martin (Rugby)
Match Rating: ★★★

PETERBOROUGH (0) 2 (Smith 55, Kellock 59)
COLCHESTER (0) 2 (Allinson 57, McDonough 78)
Att: 5,402
Peterborough: Freeman 6, Butler 6, Phillips 7, Gynn 6, Smith 7, Rodaway 6, Clarke 6, **★KELLOCK 8**, Cooke 7, Hodgson 6, Chard 6. Colchester: Walker 7, Cook 7, Coleman 6, Lyons 6, Wignall 7, Packer 6, Groves 6 (sub. Leslie 5), Bremner 7, McDonough 6.
★OSBORNE 8, Allinson 7.
Referee: A. Challinor (Maitby)
Match Rating: ★★★

Wednesday, April 14

Division One

TOTTENHAM (2) 2 (Galvin 7, Hoddle 30)
SUNDERLAND (0) 2 (Rowell, pen 78, Pickering 84)
Att: 39,898
Spurs: Clemence 6, Roberts 7, Miller 6, Price 6, **★HAZARD 8**, Perryman 6, Villa 6, Jones 6, Galvin 7 (sub. Brooke), Hoddle 7, Crooks 5. Sunderland: Turner 7, Hinigan 6 (sub. Ursem), Munro 6, Hindmarsh 6, Chisholm 6, Elliott 7, Buckley 6, West 7, Rowell 6, Pickering 7, **★CUMMINS 8**. Referee: M. Bodenham (Sussex)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Three

PLYMOUTH (0) 2 (Nisbet 68, Sims 84)
WIMBLEDON (0) 0
Att: 4,748
Plymouth: Crudgington 6, **★NISBET 8**, Uzzell 6, Harrison 6, Phillipson-Masters 7, Cooper 6, Hodges 5, Cook 5, Sims 7, McCartney 5 (sub. Rowe 7), Rogers 7. Wimbledon: Beasant 6, Thomas 5, Armstrong 6, Smith 5, Morris 6, Belfield 5, Elliott 6, Hughes 5 (sub. Gage), Leslie 7, Evans 6, **★JOSEPH 8**. Referee: T. Spencer (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★★

SCOTTISH Premier Division

ABERDEEN (0) 4 (Rougvie 62, 85, Strachan 72, Simpson 78)
ST MIRREN (0) 1 (Stark 50)
Att: 13,000
Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Rougvie 7, McMaster 6, Watson 7, McLeish 7, **★MILLER 8**, Strachan 7, Simpson 6, McGhee 7, Cowan 6, Weir 6.
St Mirren: Money 6, Walker 7, Fulton 6, Fitzpatrick 7, Copeland 6, Abercrombie 7, **★STARCK 8**, Curran 6, McEachran 6, McAvennie 7, Scanlon 6.
Referee: D. McGinley (Balfron)
Match Rating: ★★★

AIRDRIE (1) 1 (Clark, pen 29)
CELTIC (2) 5 (Aitken 2, Crainie 9, McCluskey 56, Provan 60, Reid, pen 76)

Att: 12,000
Airdrie: Martin 6, Walker, T 6, Rodger 7, Anderson, G 6, March 7, Anderson, N 6, Flood 6, **★CLARK 8**, Walker, C 5, Campbell 6, Gordon 5.

Celtic: Bonner 7, McGrain 7, Reid 6, **★AITKEN 8**, McAdam 7, MacLeod 6, Provan 7, Sullivan 6, McCluskey 7, Crainie 7, Burns 7.

Referee: G. Smith (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★★★

DUNDEE (2) 3 (Stephen 29, 42, Ferguson 57)

RANGERS (1) 1 (MacDonald 4)

Att: 7,975
Dundee: Geddes 7, Barr 6, McKinnie 7, Fraser 6, Smith 7, Glennie 7, Ferguson 6.

★STEPHEN 8, Sinclair 7, Kidd 7, Scrimgeour 7.

Rangers: Stewart 7, Jardine 6, Dawson 6, McClelland 6, Jackson 6, Bett 7, Cooper 7, Russell 7, Johnstone 6, Redford 6.

★MACDONALD 8.

Referee: T. Muirhead (Steinhousmuir)
Match Rating: ★★★★

MORTON (0) 2 (Cochrane 56, Hutchison 66)

HIBERNIAN (0) 1 (Jamieson 48)

Att: 2,500
Morton: Baines 7, Hayes 6, Holmes 7, Rooney 6, McLaughlin 7, Duffy 6, Ring 5, Docherty 7, **★COCHRANE 8**, Hutchison 7, Ritchie 6.

Hibs: Rae, R 7, Sneddon 6, Schaeffer 6, Brazil 6, Patterson 7, McNamara 7, McLaren 6, Jamieson 7, **★MACLEOD 8**, Rae, G 6, Duncan 7.

Referee: D. Syme (Rutherford)
Match Rating: ★★★★

PARTICK (1) 2 (Jardine 24, Watson 86)

DUNDEE UNITED (2) 3 (Dodds 12, 18, 56)

Att: 2,890
Partick: Rough 7, McKinnon 6, Lapsley 7, Anderson 6, Dunlop 6, Watson 7, Park 7, Doyle 6, **★JOHNSTON 8**, O'Hara 6, Jardine 7.

Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Malpas 6, Stark 7, Gough 6, Hegarty 7, Narey 7, Bannon 7, Milne 6, Kirkwood 6, Sturrock 6, **★DODDS 8**.

Referee: D. Ramsay (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★★★

CLYDEBANK (1) 1 (Jardine 24, Watson 86)

HEARTS (3) 5 (Pettigrew 2, 29, 39, 62, Byrne 67)

Att: 960
Clydebank: Given, pen 28)
Hearts: (0) 0

Att: 550
Dumbarton: (0) 1 (Craig 82)

Queen's Park: (0) 0

Att: 550
Queen of the South: (0) 0

Dunfermline: (2) 3 (Nichol 15, Bowie 25, Jenkins 89)

Att: 370
Clyde: (1) 1 (Masterton 36)

Brechin: (0) 0

Att: 1,210
Forfar: (2) 3 (Gallacher 17, Brash 31, Allan 73)

Albion: (0) 1 (Gibson 57)

Att: 860
Second Division

CLYDE (1) 1 (Masterton 36)

BRECHIN (0) 0

Att: 1,210
Forfar: (2) 3 (Gallacher 17, Brash 31, Allan 73)

ALBION (0) 1 (Gibson 57)

Att: 860
Friday, April 16

Division Four

STOCKPORT (2) 4 (Phillips 40, 80, Sherlock, pen 45, Park 85)

YORK (0) 1 (Laverick 68)

Att: 1,938
Stockport: Lloyd 6, Rutter 6, Sherlock 7, Emmerson 7, Thorpe 7, Smith 6, Fowler 5, Phillips 7, **★COYLE 8**, Park 6, Stafford 7.

York: Astbury 7, Senior 5, Bentham 6, Kay 6, Dawson 7, **★HOOD 8**, Pollard 6, Crosby 6, Walwyn 7, Ford 7, Laverick 7.

Referee: N. Glover (Aldington)
Match Rating: ★★★★

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Saturday, April 17

Division One

ARSENAL (1) 2 (Talbot 38, Rix 64)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 0
 Att: 21,986
 Arsenal: Wood 7, Hollins 7, Sansom 7, Talbot 7, O'Leary 6, Whyte 6, Meade 6, Hawley 6, Davis 7, Robson 7, **RIX 8**.
 Nottm Forest: **SHILTON 8**, Anderson 7, Gray 6 (sub. McGovern 6), Gunn 7, Young 7, Bowyer 6, Robert 7, Plummer 5, Fashanu 5, Proctor 6, Robertson 6.
 Referee: I. J. Borrett (Norfolk)
 Match Rating: ★★★

ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Evans 26)
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0
 Att: 21,098
 Aston Villa: Rimmer 6, Swain 6, Williams 6, **EVANS 8**, McNaught 6, Heard 7, Blair 6, Geddis 5, Withe 6, Cowans 7, Morley 5.
 Middlesbrough: **PLATT 8**, Natrass 6, Bailey 7, McAndrew 7, Baxter 6, Wood 6, Bolton 6 (sub. MacDonald 6), Otto 5, Hodgson 5, Shearer 6, Thomas 5.
 Referee: J. Moules (Essex)
 Match Rating: ★★★

COVENTRY (1) 1 (Hately 44)
WEST HAM (0) 0
 Att: 13,398
 Coventry: Sealey 6, Thomas 6, Roberts 7, Butterworth 7, **DYSON 9**, Gillespie 8, Whitton 6 (sub. Hormantschuk), Jacobs 7, Hately 7, Thompson 7, Hunt 7.
 West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 7, Cowie 7, Orr 7, Martin 6 (sub. Laronde 6), Devonshire 6, Van der Elst 6, Goddard 7, Cross 8, **BROOKING 8**, Allen 7.
 Referee: L. Shapter (Torquay)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

IPSWICH (1) 2 (Mariner 38, Wark 89)
STOKE (0) 0
 Att: 20,309
 Ipswich: Cooper 7, Burley 8, McCall 6, Mills 7, Osman 7, **BUTCHER 9**, Wark 7, Muhrer 6, Mariner 7, Brazil 6, Gates 6.
 Stoke: **FOX 8**, Johnson 6, Hampton 6, Dodd 6, Watson 7, Biley 6, McIlroy 6, O'Callaghan 6, Chapman 5, Bracewell 5, Maguire 6.
 Referee: T. Ward (London)
 Match Rating: ★★

LEEDS (1) 1 (Worthington 2)
SOUTHAMPTON (3) 3 (Armstrong 11, Keegan 15, 39)
 Att: 21,353
 Leeds: Lukic 7, Hird 5, Gray, E 5 (sub. Harris 8), Hamson 5, Hart 6, Burns 6, Parlane 5, Graham 6, Worthington 7, Connor 6, **BARNES 8**.
 Southampton: Katalinic 7, Baker, S 6, Holmes 6, Baker, G 8 (sub. Wallace 6), Nicholl 7, Whitlock 7, **KEEGAN 9**, Channon 8, Wright 6, Armstrong 7, Ball 7.
 Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)
 Match Rating: ★★★

LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Deligh 71)
WEST BROM (0) 0
 Att: 34,286
 Liverpool: Grobbelaar 6, Neal 6, Lawrenson 6, Kennedy 7, Whelan 6, Thompson 5, **DALGLISH 8**, Lee 7, Rush 6, Johnston 6, Hansen 6.
 West Brom: **GREW 8**, Batson 6, Statham 7, Cowdrill 5, Wile 7, Robertson 6 (sub. Cross), Bennett 6, Brown 5, Regis 7, King 7, Mackenzie 7.
 Referee: A. Challinor (Rotherham)
 Match Rating: ★★★

MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 2 (Coppell, pen 65, McGarvey 87)
TOTTENHAM (0) 0
 Att: 50,724
 Man Utd: Bailey 6, Gidman 6, Albliston 6, Wilkins 7, Moran 7, McQueen 7, Robson 7, McGarvey 6, Stapleton 6, Grimes 7, **COPPEL 8**.
 Spurs: Clemence 5, **HUGHTON 8**, Miller 6 (sub. Price 5), Roberts 7, Hazard 7, Perryman 6, Villa 7, Archibald 6, Galvin 6, Hoddle 7, Crooks 7.
 Referee: D. W. Lloyd (Worcester)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

NOTTS COUNTY (2) 4 (Christie 3, 60, 76, Goodwin 22)
BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Robinson 46)
 Att: 7,920
 Notts County: Avramovic 7, Benjamin 8, O'Brien 6, Goodwin 8, Hunt 6, Richards 7, Chiedozie 7, Harkouk 6 (sub. McParland), McCulloch 7, **CHRISTIE 9**, Mair 6.
 Brighton: Digweed 6, Shanks 6, Nelson 6,

★STEVENS 7, Foster 5, Gatting 4, Case 4, Ritchie 5, Robinson 6, McNab 6, Smith 6.
 Referee: A. W. Grey (Gt. Yarmouth)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

SUNDERLAND (1) 3 (Rowell 18, pen 55, West 69)
EVERTON (1) 1 (Irvine 40)
 Att: 18,359
 Sunderland: Turner 7, Hinnigan 8, Munro 8, Hindmarch 7, Chisholm 7, Elliott 7, Buckley 6, West 7, **★ROWELL 9**, Pickering 8, Cummins 6.
 Everton: Southall 7, **★BORROWS 8**, Ratcliffe 7, Higgins 7, Wright 7, McMahon 7, Irvine 6 (sub. Lyons), Heath 6, Ferguson 6, Ainscow 7, Richardson 6.
 Referee: M. G. Peck (Kendal)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

SWANSEA (2) 2 (Stanley 11, Latchford 36)
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0
 Att: 19,212
 Swansea: Davies 6, Hadzibabic 7, Marustik 7, Stanley 7, Kennedy 6, Rajkovic 6, **★CURTIS 9**, James, R 7, James, L 7, Stevenson 7, Latchford 6.

MAN CITY: ★WILLIAMS 8, Ranson 6, McDonald 6, Reid 6, Bond 7, Caton 6, May 6 (sub. Hareide 6), Reeves 6, Francis 7, Hartford 6, Kinsey 6.
 Referee: K. W. Baker (Rugby)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

WOLVES (0) 1 (Gray 84)
BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Harford 48)
 Att: 18,964
 Wolves: Bradshaw 7, Humphrey 4, Palmer 4, Eves 4, Pender 6, **★COY 8**, Hibbit 5, Carr 4, Gray 4, Richards 4, Clarke 4.
 Birmingham: Coton 6, Langang 5, Hawker 6, Stevenson 6, Van Den Hawe 7, Curbishley 6 (sub. Scott 6), **★VAN MIERLO 8**, Dillon 7, Harford 7, Broadhurst 7, Whatmore 7.
 Referee: F. G. Bates (Bristol)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Stonehouse, pen 10)
WATFORD (0) 2 (Callaghan 52, Blissett, pen 77)
 Att: 7,284
 Blackburn: Butcher 6, Branagan 6, Rathbone 7, Speight 7, Keeley 7, Fazackerley 6, Miller 6, Stonehouse 6, Lowey 5, **★GARNER 8**, Hamilton 5.

Watford: ★SHERWOOD 8, Rice 7, Rostrom 6, Taylor 6, Terry 6 (sub. Sims 6), Bolton 6, Callaghan 7, Blissett 7, Armstrong 7, Lohman 6, Barnes 7.
 Referee: G. P. Owen (Anglesey)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

CHARLTON (0) 1 (Walsh 53)
ROTHERHAM (0) 2 (Moore 77, Seasman 79)
 Att: 5,011
 Charlton: Johns 6, Naylor 6, Elliott 6, Mehmet 7, Smith 5, Phillips 6, Ferns 7, **★WALSH 8**, Hales 5 (sub. Ambrose), Lansdowne 7, Robinson 6.

Rotherham: Mountford 7, Hughes 7, Breckin 6, Rhodes 6 (sub. Alexander 6), Stancliffe 6, Green 7, Towner 6, **★GOW 8**, Moore 7, Seasman 7, McEwan 6.
 Referee: V. G. Callow (West Midlands)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 4 (Hilaire 7, 87, Mabbott 56, 63)
OLDHAM (0) 0
 Att: 6,720
 Crystal Palace: Barron 6, Lovell 6, Hinshelwood 5, Galliers 7, Cannon 7, Gilbert 8, **★GILES 9**, Smillie 6, Brooks 7, Mabbott 7, Hilaire 8.

Oldham: McDonnell 5, McDonough 5, Ryan 5, Keegan 6, Firm 5, Fletcher 6, Wyke 6, **★HEATON 7**, Steel 5, Palmer 5, Atkinson 6.
 Referee: D. J. Napthine (Loughborough)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

DERBY (0) 0
NORWICH (1) 2 (O'Neill 44, Bennett 90)
 Att: 12,508
 Derby: Banovic 7, Barton 7, Buckley 7, Skivington 5, **★SHERIDAN 8**, McAlle 6, Green 5, Attley 5, Wilson 5 (sub. Hector 5), Swindlehurst 5, Emson 5.

Norwich: Woods 6, Haylock 6, Downs 7, McGuire 7, Walford 7, Bennett 7, Barham 5, **★O'NEILL 9**, Deehan 7, Bertschin 6, Mendham 6.
 Referee: D. Allison (Lancaster)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

GRIMSBY (1) 3 (Moore, D 39, Cooper 67, Kilmore 85)
CHELSEA (2) 3 (Walker 17, 29, 75)
 Att: 9,164
 Grimsby: Batch 6, Moore, D 6 (sub. Drinkell

6), Crosby 7, Walters 6, Cooper 6, **★CROMBIE 8**, Ford 5, Kilmore 7, Whymark 7, Mitchell 7, Broly 5.
 Chelsea: Francis 6, Locke 7, Hutchings 6, Nutton 6, Lee 7, Pates 6, Britton 7, Chivers 6, **★WALKER 8**, Moyes 7, Fillery 7.
 Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
 Match Rating: ★★★

LEICESTER (1) 3 (Lineker 1, 78, Lynex 51)
CARDIFF (1) 1 (Kitchen 40)
 Att: 13,650
 Leicester: Wallington 7, Friar 6, Leet 7, Ramsey 7, May 7, O'Neill 6, Lynex 7, **★LINEKER 9**, Young 8, Wilson 7 (sub. Welsh 6), MacDonald 7.
 Cardiff: Healey 7, Jones 7, Polycarpou 7, Pontin 7, **★MICALLEG 8**, Mullen 7, Grapes 7, Henderson 7, Kitchen 7, Hughes 6 (sub. Bennett 6), Stevens 7.
 Referee: M. Lowe (Sheffield)
 Match Rating: ★★★

LUTON (0) 3 (Stein 63, pen 81, pen 57)
NEWCASTLE (1) 2 (Mills 23, Trewick, pen 57)
 Att: 13,041
 Luton: Findlay 7, Stephens 7, Money 6, Horton 8, Goodyear 6, Donagh 7, Antic 7, **★STEIN 9**, White 7, Fuccillo 8, Turner 7.
 Newcastle: Carr 7, Brownlie 7, Saunders 7, **★TREVICK 9**, Barton 7 (sub. Wharton 8), Haddock 6, Mills 8, Martin 8, Varadi 7, Cartwright 7, Waddle 6.
 Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

ORIENT (2) 3 (Godfrey 32, McNeil 45, Silkman, pen 47)
BOLTON (0) 0
 Att: 2,851
 Orient: Day 7, Foster 7, Peach 7, Fisher 7, Gray 7, **★MARGERRISON 9**, Godfrey 7, Taylor 8, Houchen 7, Silkman 7, McNeil 8.
 Bolton: **★McDONAGH 9**, Berry 7, Bennett 6, Henry 6, Jones 6, Gowling 6, Chandler 7, Cantello 6, Foster 6 (sub. Hogan 6), Reid 8, Thompson 7.
 Referee: D. Letts (Hampshire)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

QPR (0) 2 (Flanagan 48, Allen 69)
SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Dungworth 69)
 Att: 11,148
 QPR: Hucker 6, Fenwick 6, Dawes 6, Waddock 6, Wicks 6, Roeder 7, Currie 7 (sub. Ferday), **★FLANAGAN 8**, Allen 7, Burke 7, Mickiewhite 6.
 Shrewsbury: Wardle 6, Leonard 6, Johnson 6, Cross 6, Griffin 6, MacLaren 6, Biggins 5 (sub. Tong 6), **★McNALLY 7**, Petts 6, Dungworth 6, Bates 6.
 Referee: T. D. Spencer (Salisbury)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (1) 2 (Taylor 20, Pearson 48)
CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Streete 75)
 Att: 18,314
 Sheffield: Bolder 7, Sterland 7, Blackhall 7, Smith 7, Pickering 7, Taylor 7, **★MEGSON 8**, Miroevic 6, Bannister 7, Pearson 7, Curran 5.
 Cambridge: Webster 6, Turner 6, Murray 7, Smith 7, Fallon 7, **★STREETE 8**, Cartwright 5 (sub. O'Neill 6), Goldsmith 6, Gibbins 5, Finney 6, Christie 6.
 Referee: R. F. Nixon (Wirral)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

WREXHAM (0) 0
BARNES (0) 0
 Att: 4,860
 Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 8, **★JONES 9**, Bater 5, Cegelski 8, Downman 8 (sub. Vinter 6), Arkwright 7, Leman 7, McNeil 7, Edwards 8, Fox 6, Carradus 7.
 Barnes: Horn 8, Law 7, Chambers 7, Mann 7, Banks 8, **★MCARTHY 9**, Evans 8, Walker 7, Aylott 8, McHale 7, Birch 8.
 Referee: C. Seal (Carlisle)
 Match Rating: ★★★

NEWPORT (0) 0
WIMBLEDON (0) 0
 Att: 3,900
 Newport: Kendall 7, Walden 7, Relish 7, Davies 6, Oakes 6, Johnson 7, Elsey 7, **★LOWNDES 8**, Tyman 6, Aldridge 6 (sub. Gwyther 6), Moore 7.
 Wimbledon: Beasant 7, Thomas 7, Armstrong 7, Smith 7, Morris 6, **★BELFIELD 8**, Hughes 6 (sub. Ketteridge 6), Leslie 6, Evans 6, Fishenden 6, Elliott 6.
 Referee: R. Bridges (Deeside)
 Match Rating: ★★★

BRISTOL CITY: Shaw 6, Stevens 7, Hay 7, Musker 6, **★BOYLE 8**, Williams, G 7, Devine 6, Bray 6, Chandler 6, Carter 7, Economou 7.
 Swindon: Allan 6, Henry 7, Baddeley 7, **★EMMANUEL 8**, Lewis 6, Stroud 6, Abbley 6, Carter 7, Rideout 7, Greenwood 7, Graham 6.
 Referee: J. E. Bray (Leicester)
 Match Rating: ★★★

CARLISLE (0) 2 (Craig 80, Bannon 90)
MILLWALL (0) 1 (Parker, og 67)
 Att: 4,917
 Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Parker 6, **★RUSHBURY 8**, Larkin 7, Ashurst 7, Craig 7, Ritchie 6, Coughlin 6 (sub. Staniforth 6), Robson 7, Lee 5, Bannon 7.
 Millwall: Sansome 7, Stevens 6, Madden 6, Chatterton 7, Allardyce 6, Roberts 5, Shinton 7, Anderson 6, **★HORRIX 8**, Martin 7, West 6.
 Referee: R. Chadwick (Darwen)
 Match Rating: ★★★

CHESTERFIELD (1) 2 (Crawford 8, Henderson 46)
EXETER (1) 1 (Pratt 3)
 Att: 2,867
 Chesterfield: Turner 7, Bellamy 7, O'Neill 5, Wilson 5, Green 5, Hunter 5, Henson 6, Henderson 7, **★BONNYMAN 8**, Kowalski 7, Crawford 6 (sub. Athersych 7).
 Exeter: Bond 7, Rogers, M 6, Sparrow 6, Giles 7, **★FOSTER 8**, Roberts 6, Pratt 7, Rogers, P 6, Kellow 7, Delve 5, Hatch 5.
 Referee: P. Willis (Co. Durham)
 Match Rating: ★★★
 Sendings Off: Giles (Exeter)

FULHAM (2) 4 (Davies 4, Lock, pen 21, Brown 58, O'Driscoll 67)
BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 2 (Williams, D 78, Slatter 84)
 Att: 6,849
 Fulham: Peyton 6, Hopkins 6, Strong 6, **★O'DRISCOLL 8**, Brown 7, Gale 7, Davies 7, Wilson 7, Conley 7, O'Sullivan 7, Lock 7.
 Bristol Rovers: Kite 7, Jones 6, **★SLATTER 8**, Randall 7, Parkin 6, Williams, G 5, Barrett 5, Williams, D 7, Kelly 6, Mabbett 6, Williams, B 6 (sub. Bailey 5).
 Referee: D. Axcell (Southend)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

LINCOLN (0) 2 (Shipton 71, Peake 85)
READING (0) 1 (Hicks 65)
 Att: 4,888
 Lincoln: Felgate 6, Carr 6, Neale 7, Cockerill 6, Peake 7, Thompson 7, **★SHIPLEY 8**, Turner 6, Hobson 6, Cunningham 7, Hibberd 6 (sub. Gilbert 7).
 Reading: **★FEARON 8**, Williams 6, Cullen 6, Webb 6, Barnes 7, Hetzke 7, Donnellan 6 (sub. Hicks 7), Kearney 6, Dixon 7, Wood 6, Earies 7.
 Referee: M. J. Heath (Stoke on Trent)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

NEWPORT (0) 0
WIMBLEDON (0) 0
 Att: 3,900
 Newport: Kendall 7, Walden 7, Relish 7, Davies 6, Oakes 6, Johnson 7, Elsey 7, **★LOWNDES 8**, Tyman 6, Aldridge 6 (sub. Gwyther 6), Moore 7.
 Wimbledon: Beasant 7, Thomas 7, Armstrong 7, Smith 7, Morris 6, **★BELFIELD 8**, Hughes 6 (sub. Ketteridge 6), Leslie 6, Evans 6, Fishenden 6, Elliott 6.
 Referee: R. Bridges (Deeside)
 Match Rating: ★★★

MATCH WINNERS

THE ten lucky winners of the 'Spot the Difference' competition which appeared in the April 3 issue of 'Match' each receive a set of Paul Cooper goalkeeping Goalkeeping Skilcards. They are: Colin Wray, Hartlepool; Cleveland; Barry Long, Northampton; Anthony Carlson, Kennington, Kent; Karl Paul Williams, Caerphilly, Mid Glam; Darren Cooper, Godmanchester, Cambs; Dennis Prescott, Croydon, Surrey; Matthew Neighbour, Sandy, Beds; Mark Jones, Skegby, Notts; Steven Greenhough, Matlock, Derby; Nigel Gurney, Chelmsford, Essex.

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OXFORD (0) 0
BURNLEY (0) 0

Att: 10,171
Oxford: Burton 6, Fogg 7 (sub. Thomas), Smithers 6, ★TRAIN 9, Briggs 8, Shotton 6, Lawrence 5, Foley 7, Hebbard 6, Brock 7, Jeffrey 7.
Burnley: Stevenson 7, Laws 6, Wharton 7, Scott 6, Dixon 6, Holt 6, ★DOBSON 8, Steven 6, Hamilton 6, McGee 6, Young 7.
Referee: B. H. Daniels (Brentwood)
Match Rating: ★★★★

PLYMOUTH (1) 1 (Sims 3)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Kennedy, pen 78)

Att: 5,434
Plymouth: Crudgington 6, ★NISBET 8, Uzzell 6, Harrison 6, Phillipson-Masters 5, Cooper 5, Hodges 5, Cook 5, Sims 6, Rowe 5, Rogers 6.
Huddersfield: Cox 6, Brown 6, Burke 5, Stanton 6, Valentine 5, ★HANVEY 8, Lillis 6, Kennedy 7, Horne 5 (sub. Purdie 5), Wilson 6, Cowling 7.

Referee: T. Bune (Cranleigh)

Match Rating: ★

PORTSMOUTH (0) 0

DONCASTER (0) 0
Att: 8,657
Portsmouth: Knight 6, McLaughlin 6, Sullivan 6, ★DOYLE 7, Aizlewood 6, Ellis 6, Wimbledon 5 (sub. Crown 5), Rafferty 5, Senior 5, Berry 5, Rogers 6.
Doncaster: Humphries, S 6, Russell 5, Humphries, G 6, Snodin 16, Cawthorne 6, Wiggin 6, Lally 6, Liddell 5 (sub. Pugh 5), Douglas 5, ★SNODIN 5, G 7, Little 6.
Referee: J. Deakin (Bedford)
Match Rating: ★

SOUTHEND (1) 2 (Spence 44, Yates 57)

CHESTER (0) 0

Att: 3,427
Southend: Cawston 8, Stead 7, Yates 8, Pountney 8, Moody 7, Cusack 8, Nelson 7, Phillips 7, Spence 8, Mercer 8 (sub. Greaves), ★OTULAKWSKI 9.
Chester: ★MILLINGTON 9, Needham 5, Naylor 5, Cottam 6, Zelem 8, Burns 6, Allen 5, Jones 6, Simpson 5 (sub. Sutcliffe 5), Ludlam 5, Henderson 5.

Referee: M. J. Bodenham (Brighton)

Match Rating: ★★★

WALSALL (0) 1 (Serella 79)

GILLINGHAM (0) 0
Att: 2,684
Walsall: Green 7, ★HART 9, Mower 7, Beech 6, Serella 7, Barnes 8, Rees 7, Caswell 8, Teasdale 7, Buckley 7, O'Kelly 7.
Gillingham: ★HILLYARD 8, Sharpe 7, Adams 6, Shaw 7, Weatherly 7, Sinton 6, Powell 7, White 6, Grecock 6, Cascarino 6 (sub. Lee 6), Price 7.
Referee: N. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Four

ALDERSHOT (1) 1 (Jopling 30)

SHEFFIELD UNITED (1) 1 (Morris 35)

Att: 4,100

Aldershot: Johnson 6, Edwards 6, Scott 4, Briley 7, Bennett 8, Jopling 7, Lucas 6, Sanford 5, French 4, ★McDONALD 9, Robinson 6.
Sheff Utd: Waugh 7, Casey 8, Garner 6, Matthews 6 (sub. Neville 6), ★McPHAIL 9, Kenworthy 7, Morris 8, Trusson 7, Edwards 5, Hatton 8, Charles 7.
Referee: D. Vickers (Ilford)
Match Rating: ★★★

BLACKPOOL (0) 0

COLCHESTER (0) 0

Att: 2,298

Blackpool: Hesford 6, Simmonite 6, Brockbank 5, Deary 5, Greenall 6, Noble 6, ★MORGAN 9, Harrison 6, Stewart 6, McAvoy 6, Pashley 6.
Colchester: Walker 6, Cook 6, Coleman 7, ★LYONS 8, Wignall 7, Packer 6, Groves 6, Bremner 6, Osborne 7 (sub. Leslie 6), McDonough 6, Allinson 7.
Referee: K. Redfern (Whitley Bay)
Match Rating: ★★

BOURNEMOUTH (3) 5 (Funnell 19, 40, Crawford 42, 87, Impey 58)

HARTEPOOL (0) 1 (Hogan 56)

Att: 6,567

Bournemouth: Leigh 6, Heffernan 7, Sulley 7, ★SPACKMAN 8, Brignull 6, Impey 7, Carter 6, Williams 6 (sub. O'Donnell 6), Crawford 7, Morgan 6, Funnell 7.
Hartlepool: Burleigh 6, Sweeney 5, Stimpson 6, Hogan 6, Bird 5, Linihan 5, ★HARDING 7, Clarke 5 (sub. Bainbridge), Brown 5, Johnson 5, Staff 5.
Referee: C. White (Harrow)
Match Rating: ★★★★

BURY (0) 0
TORQUAY (1) 1 (Brown 40)

Att: 2,346
Bury: Platt 6, Bradley 6, Hilton 6, Howard 6, ★KENNEDY 7, Gore 6, Smith 5 (sub. Cruickshank 5), Jakub 5, Butler 4, Johnson 4, Madden 5.
Torquay: O'Keefe 6, Smith 6, ★LAWRENCE 7, Riach 6, Wilson 6, Cox 6, Jones 6, Tainton 5, Brown 5 (sub. Wheeldon 6), Cooper 6, Winn 6.
Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)
Match Rating: ★★★

CREWE (1) 1 (Palios 21)

HULL (1) 1 (Marwood 27)

Att: 1,592

Crewe: Mulhearn 7, Lewis 7, Heath 6, Salathiel 7, Scott 6, Palios 7, ★HASLEGRAVE 8, Keighley 6 (sub. Chesters 5), Entwistle 6, Howat 6, Williams 6.
Hull: Norman 7, McNeil 6, Roberts, G 7, Roberts, D 7, Thompson 6, Davies 6, ★MARWOOD 8, McClaren 7, Whitehurst 7, Mutrie 6, Richards 6.
Referee: N. L. Wilson (Morecambe)
Match Rating: ★★

DARLINGTON (1) 3 (Smith 10, Wicks 68, Speedie 72)

NORTHAMPTON (0) 0

Att: 1,729

Darlington: Cuff 6, Kamara 6, Liddle 7, ★SMITH 8, Skipper 7, Speedie 7, McFadden 6, McLean 6, Hawker 6, Wicks 7, Walsh 7.
Northampton: Pool 5, Brady 4, Carlton 6, Gage 7, Kruse 6, Coffill 7, ★SAXBY 8, Buchanan 6, Bryant 7, Massey 5, Sandy 5.
Referee: D. Richardson (Gt. Harwood)
Match Rating: ★★★

HALIFAX (0) 0

WIGAN (0) 0

Att: 3,666

Halifax: ★SMELT 8, Goodman 6, Carr 7, Evans 6, Ayre 6, Hendrie 7, Firth 6, Davison 7, Graham 6, Spooner 7, Ward 6 (sub. Kendal).
Wigan: Tunks 6, McMahon 7, Glenn 6, Cribley 6, Lloyd 7, Methven 7, ★O'KEEFE 8, Barrow 6, Bradbury 6, Houghton 7, Weston 7.
Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle)
Match Rating: ★★

MANSFIELD (1) 3 (Nicholson 20, Bird 63, Parkinson, pen 80)

TRANMERE (0) 0

Att: 1,995

Mansfield: Arnold 6, Woodhead 6, Mann 6, Bell 5, Burrows 5, Bird 6, Cannell 7, Caldwell 6, Lumby 5, ★NICHOLSON 8, Parkinson 5.
Transmire: Endersby 6, Parry 5, Burgess 6, Hutchinson 5, Mungall 6, ★WILLIAMS 8, Powell 5, Hamilton 6, Kerr 5, Craven 7 (sub. Brown 5), Griffiths 5.
Referee: D. W. Civil (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★★

PETERBOROUGH (1) 2 (Phillips 25, Cooke 78)

BRADFORD (0) 0

Att: 6,756

Peterborough: Freeman 7, Butler 6, Phillips 7, Gynn 6, Smith 7, Rodaway 6, Clarke 6, Kellock 7, ★COKE 8, Hodgson 6, Chard 6.
Bradford: Ramsbottom 6, Podd 6, Ellis 7, Lester 6, ★COKE 8, Jackson 7, Gallagher 6, Staniforth 6 (sub. Black 5), Campbell 6, McNiven 6, Chapman 7.
Referee: J. Martin (Alton)
Match Rating: ★★★

PORT VALE (0) 2 (Moss 49, 54)

SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Cammack 36)

Att: 2,057

Port Vale: Harrison 7, Tatt 7, Sproson 7, Bowles 7, Bromage 6, Keenan 7, Hunter 7, Deakin 6, Greenhoff 7 (sub. Chamberlain, N 7), ★MOSS 9, Chamberlain, M 7.
Scunthorpe: Neenan 6, Grimes 6, Dall 6, (sub. Boyd 6), Thompson 7, Cowling 6, Hamill 6, ★TELFER 8, Arins 5, Moss 6, Cammack 6, Goodlass 5.
Referee: B. Stevens (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: ★★★★

ROCHDALE (0) 0

HEREFORD (0) 1 (Bartley 83)

Att: 1,342

Rochdale: Crawford 7, O'Loughlin 7, Snooke 6, Dolan 6, Taylor 6, ★WEIR 8, Hamilton 6, Esser 6 (sub. Hilditch), Goodwin 6, Wellings 5, Martinez 6.
Hereford: ★BRAND 8, Price 7, Bartley 7, Hicks 7, Musial 6, Pejic 7, Harvey 7, Laidlaw 7, Phillips 7, Showers 7, White 7.
Referee: J. M. Key (Rotherham)
Match Rating: ★★★★

SCOTTISH Premier Division

AIRDRIE (0) 0

RANGERS (0) 1 (MacDonald 47)

Att: 8,000

Airdrie: Martin 7, Cairney 6, Rodger 6, Anderson 6, ★MARCH 8, Walker, T 7, Campbell 6, Anderson, N 7 (sub. McKeown), Clark 7, Gordon 6, McGuire 7 (sub. McDonagh).

Rangers: Stewart 7, Dawson 7, Black 6, Jardine 7, McClelland 6, ★BETT 8, Lyall 7, Russell 6, Johnstone 7, MacDonald 6, Cooper 7.

Referee: D. Ramsay (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★★

CELTIC (0) 4 (Reid, pen 56, McCluskey 67, 83, Provan 77)

DUNDEE (1) 2 (Smith 3, Ferguson 78)

Att: 14,288

Celtic: Bonner 7, McGrain 6, Reid 7, Aitken 6, McAdam 7, MacLeod 6, Provan 7, Sullivan 6, ★McCLUSKEY 8, Craine 6, Burns 6.
Dundee: Geddes 7, Barr 6, McKinnie 6, Fraser 7, Smith 6, Glennie 7, Ferguson 6, ★STEPHEN 8, Sinclair 7, Kidd 6, Scrimgeour 6.
Referee: K. Hope (Clarkston)
Match Rating: ★★★★

DUNDEE UNITED (0) 0

HIBERNIAN (0) 1 (Turnbull 49)

Att: 6,850

Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Malpas 6, Murray 6, Gough 6, Hegarty 7, Narey 7, Bannon 6, Milne 6, ★KIRKWOOD 8, Sturrock 7, Dodds 6.

Hibs: ★MCARTHUR 8, McNamara 6, Schaeffer 7, Brazil 6, Paterson 7, Sneddon 6, Flavel 6 (sub. Jamieson), Duncan 7 (sub. Turnbull 7), MacLeod 6, Rodier 7, Murray 6.
Referee: C. White (Clarkston)
Match Rating: ★★★★

MORTON (1) 2 (McNeill 4, Rooney 89)

ABERDEEN (0) 1 (McGhee 80)

Att: 3,000

Morton: Baines 7, Hayes 6, Holmes 7, ★MC LAUGHLIN 9, Duffy 6, Rooney 8, Docherty 6 (sub. Slaven), McNeill 7, Cochrane 7, Hutchison 8, Ritchie 6 (sub. Busby 7).
Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Kennedy 6, Rougvie 7, Cooper 6, McLeish 7, ★MILLER 8, Hewitt 6, Watson 7 (sub. McMaster 6), Jarvie 6 (sub. Simpson 6), McGhee 6, Weir 6.
Referee: B. McGinley (Baillif)
Match Rating: ★★★★

ST MIRREN (0) 2 (Sommer 63, Logan 88)

PARTICK (0) 0

Att: 3,593

St Mirren: ★THOMSON 8, Walker 6, Curran 7, Fitzpatrick 7, Fulton 6, Copeland 6, McEachran 6 (sub. Logan), Stark 7 (sub. McAvannie), Sommer 6, Abercrombie 6, Richardson 7.

Partick: Rough 7, McKinnon 6, Lapsley 7, Anderson 6 (sub. Higgins), Dunlop 7, Watson 6, Park 6, ★JARDINE 8, Johnston 6 (sub. Clark 6), Doyle 7, O'Hara 6.

Referee: D. Galloway (Pitlessie)

Match Rating: ★★★★

First Division

CLYDEBANK (0) 0

RAITH (0) 0

Att: 520

Dumbarton: Greig 19, Blair 75, McNeil 81)

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 1 (Alexander 51)

Att: 350

DUNFERMLINE (1) 1 (Bowie 23)

ST JOHNSTONE (0) 0

Att: 1,856

FALKIRK (1) 1 (Smith 11)

MOTHERWELL (1) 3 (Forbes 5, 52, McClair 39)

Att: 3,000

KILMARNOCK (0) 0

HAMILTON (0) 0

Att: 1,900

QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0

AYR (0) 0

Att: 784

HEARTS v EAST STIRLING — Match Postponed

Second Division

ALBION (0) 1 (Houston 84)

BRECHIN (2) 2 (Lawson 1, Armstrong, pen 20)

BERWICK (2) 2 (Lawson 1, Armstrong, pen 20)

STRANRAER (0) 0

Att: 814

CYCLE (1) 2 (Masterton 44, Nevin 79)

COWDENBEATH (0) 0

Att: 550

EAST FIFE (0) 1 (Thomson, pen 58)

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0

Att: 356

MEADOWBANK (1) 2 (Sprott 20, Jobson, pen 51)

FORFAR (1) 5 (Allan 34, 56, Clarke 54, 66, Porter 71)

Att: 400

MONTROSE (0) 0

ALLOA (0) 3 (Murray 47, 89, Holt 79)

Att: 450

STIRLING (2) 3 (Colquhoun 20, pen 34, Torrance 89)

ARBROATH (0) 2 (Robb, pen 73, pen 74)

Att: 400

LEADING SCORERS

(League, Cups, Total)

Division One

Keegan (Southampton)	23	2	26
Rush (Liverpool)	14	11	25
Brazil (Ipswich)	17	6	23
Regis (West Brom)	14	8	22
Cassells (Southampton)	10	11	21
Wark (Ipswich)	15	3	18
Harford (Birmingham)	14	3	17
McDermott (Liverpool)	14	3	17
Dalglish (Liverpool)	10	7	17

Division Two

Stainrod (QPR)	14	7	21
Bannister (Sheff Wed)	18	1	19
Houchen (Orient)	18	1	19
Moore (Rotherham)	17	2	19
Varadi (Newcastle)	16	2	18
Liner (Leicester)	15	2	17
White (Luton)	16	1	17

Division Three

Davies (Fulham)	21	1	22
Kellow (Exeter)	20	1	21
Thomas (Oxford)	14	4	18
Phillips (Southend)	15	2	17
Bruce (Preston)	16	1	17
Coney (Fulham)	10	6	16
Sims (Plymouth)	16	0	16
Rafferty (Portsmouth)	14	2	16

SCOTTISH Premier

CHAMPIONS?

LIVERPOOL have had to continue their quest for the First Division title without me following the return of a niggling back injury.

Obviously I was delighted to see the lads pick up maximum points from their two games over Easter, but it's been ever so frustrating watching from the sidelines.

I haven't played since our game at Manchester United when I was replaced by Terry McDermott, but I'm hoping to be back in contention for a place against Southampton on Saturday.

Rest is the only cure for the injury so I'm not able to train at all. That's bad news for me because I enjoy training as much as I do playing.

The trouble is in the ligaments at the base of my spine and it was the same injury which forced me to miss the League Cup Final Replay against West Ham last season.

That time I gave it ten days complete rest and it was okay. This season I tried to play again after only a week, but it was just too soon.

Obviously it's a worry to me at this stage of the season, but all I can do is keep my fingers crossed and hope it will get better.

While I've been out of the side the lads have been doing great, but it's far too early to start talking about us as Champions.

We have the hardest run-in of any of our rivals. Don't forget we've yet to play Spurs (twice), Ipswich, Arsenal, Birmingham and Middlesbrough.

Strugglers

Matches against strugglers like Birmingham and my old club Middlesbrough just aren't the sort of games you want at this stage. They'll be battling just as hard to avoid the drop as the others will be trying to win the trophy.

Ipswich and Spurs look to have the best chance of overtaking us, but I haven't yet ruled out John Toshack's Swansea or Manchester United.

As I've said before, I don't believe the title race will be decided until the very last game of the season. It's going to be that close.

If we do end up winning the League, much of the praise must go to the young players who've come into the team and established themselves this season.

The side which finished the season last year shows at least four major changes. In have come Bruce Grobbelaar, Ronnie Whelan, Ian Rush and Mark Lawrenson.

That quartet seem to have established themselves now and they are being joined by Craig Johnston, who's really pushing for a permanent place.

His goal in our 2-0 win over Stoke, was the former Middlesbrough midfield star's third in three games.

Craig is really enjoying his free

It's too early to say

The GRAEME SOUNNESS COLUMN

The Liverpool skipper talks about the niggling injury which has kept him sidelined and scoffs at the suggestion that the Championship is cut and dried.

role alongside Ian Rush. He's the sort of player who revels in that sort of responsibility. He's instinctive — very much like Kevin Keegan.

Talking of the England skipper, we'll be meeting up at The Dell on Saturday.

Although they've faded from the Championship race, we won't be underestimating them. They have one of the best home records in the First Division.

'The Saints' are one of the few teams that want to play. So many sides try to defend against top clubs, but Southampton feel that if they are playing well, they can beat anyone.

They beat us 1-0 earlier this season at Anfield thanks to a goal from young Steve Moran, so we'll

be keen to set the record straight.

Finally, my best wishes go to David Fairclough who has left Anfield for Toronto Blizzard. I'm sure he'll enjoy himself out there and become a better player for the experience.

David has had a lot of problems with his knee and when he finally got fully fit again, he couldn't force himself back into the side. It just goes to show the all-round strength of the squad here.



● Graeme Sounness was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.



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MARRIED: Yes, to Cynthia

CHILDREN: Sammy (8), Louise (5), and Faye (18 months)

CAR: BMW 320

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Manchester United

WORST EVER INJURY: Broke four bones and punctured my lung in a car crash in 1973

FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY

Ricky Villa — has great skills and is strong and exciting

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Manchester United

FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Brazil's Zico — great one touch player and a good finisher.

BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, Cohen, Wilson (England), Crerand (Scotland), McFarland, Moore (England), Best (N. Ireland), Law, Baxter (Scotland), Ball, Greaves (England)

ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks (England), Alberto (Brazil), Beckenbauer (West Germany), Moore (England), Krol (Holland), Zico (Brazil), Baxter (Scotland), Gerson (Brazil), Best (N. Ireland), Pele (Brazil), Maradona (Argentina)

FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Old Trafford

FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Feyenoord (Holland)

BEST GOAL SCORED: For Manchester United against Arsenal in the 1979 FA Cup Final

BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: By Everton's Graeme Sharp in the 1-1 draw with Spurs this season

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Ipswich Town's Kevin Beattie

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My debut for United against Man. City in 1971

ONE MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Scoring in the above match.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing two Cup Finals and leaving United this season

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Snooker and tennis

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Listening to records and playing with my kids

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Long distance travelling and flash people

FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: Dallas and sports programmes

TV SHOWS YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Those that show real-life operations

FAVOURITE READING: Books on sport

FAVOURITE POP STAR: Al Green

FAVOURITE FOOD: Stew

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BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Bermuda

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood and Kathryn Ross

BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Ryan's Daughter

BEST FRIEND: I have many

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father and Paddy Crerand

WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Losing and bad referees

SUPERSTITIONS: I always put my shorts on last

PRE-MATCH MEAL: Tea and chocolate

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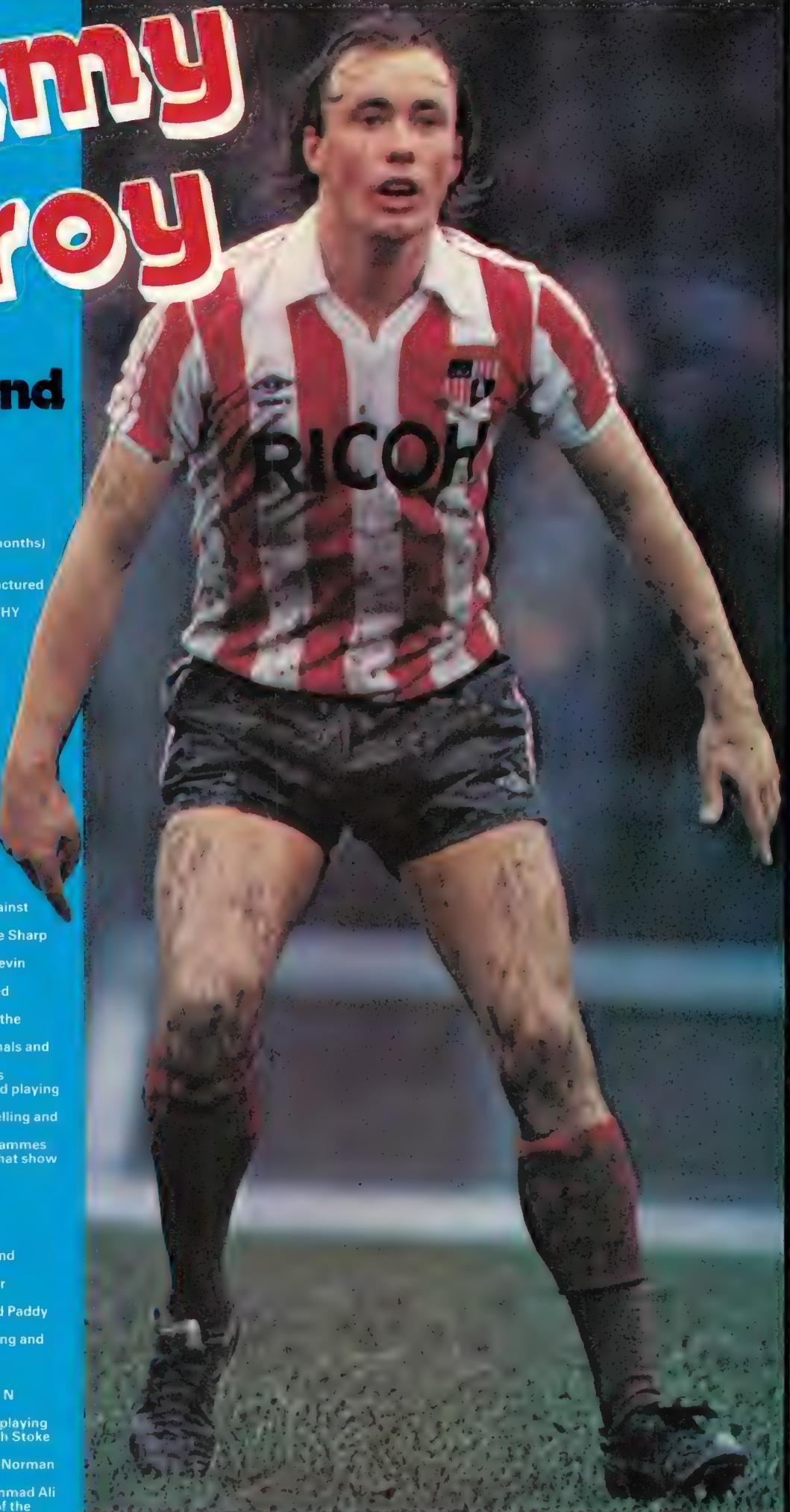
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy when I stop playing

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ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Listen to the advice of the older pro's and give 100 per cent.



ZICO

Brazil ace has a point to prove

BRAZILIAN star Zico is out to bury the 'White Pele' tag that has haunted him ever since the great footballing legend retired.

Living up to that reputation and the subsequent pressure has all been too much for the brilliant Flamengo skipper who is widely hailed as one of the top players in the world.

He was the butt of considerable criticism after the World Cup Finals in Argentina, where Brazil could only finish third despite being unbeaten.

But now the 28-year-old midfield mastermind is out to emerge in Spain as himself and not Pele's shadow.

"I don't like to be called the 'White Pele'. You could never compare us," he pleads.

"Pele was the greatest player of all-time and, as a Brazilian, I'm very proud of what he achieved for our nation. I was sad when the time came for him to retire.

"A lot of players thought they might copy Pele, step into his shoes, but they all failed and I've no intentions of even trying."

Zico, whose real name is Artur Antunes Coimbra, has more than 50 caps for Brazil, but as a youngster his career was not always paved with glamour.

He was once axed from Brazil's Olympic squad, but he recovered.

"I was fortunate in coming from a family who gave me a good upbringing so I was able to cope with the disappointment when it came.

"And again I survived when things went wrong for me in Argentina," he recalls.

"But if it hadn't been for the failures, I probably wouldn't have gained the resilience to achieve what I have. After all, with Flamengo I've won all there is, from the Leagues and Cups to the World Club Championship."

It was European Champions Liverpool who felt the sheer devastation of Zico in that World Club Championship clash in Tokyo earlier this year.

He scored twice in Flamengo's 3-0 win and Liverpool's Scottish stars, Kenny Dalglish, Graeme Souness and Alan Hansen, saw at first hand the extent of their country's task against Brazil in the World Cup Finals.

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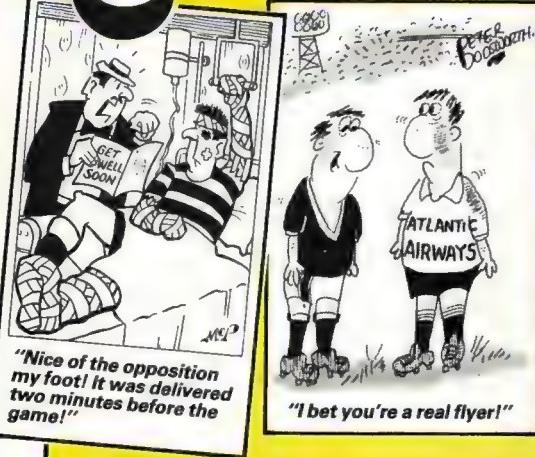


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INJURY CRISIS HITS GERMANS

AN INJURY CRISIS threatens to undermine West Germany's bid to win the World Cup.

Already on the injured list are:

- Bernd Schuster — recovering from a knee operation.
- Former skipper Franz Beckenbauer.
- Hamburg star Felix Magath — cartilage operation.
- And European Footballer of the Year, Karl Heinz Rummenigge has still to prove his full fitness after missing the recent games against Brazil and Argentina.

Manager Jupp Derwall admits he has another worry ...

finishes very late and I shall not be able to see or have much contact with the players until eight or nine days before the tournament starts."

West Germany are one of the three big favourites to lift the trophy in Spain — along with Brazil and holders Argentina.

And, after playing both countries on a recent tour of South America, Derwall believes that Brazil are the team to beat.

When they played them in Rio, they lost to a brilliant volley from explosive Brazilian full-back Junior in front of a vast 150,000 crowd.

But against Argentina in Buenos Aires, they drew 1-1 — Dremmler scoring after 33 minutes and Calderon equalising for the World Champions after 76 minutes.

Derwall says: "The Brazilians seem much stronger — mainly because they have more vitality and sensation in their team.

"In Buenos Aires, we were able to settle and cope more easily."

The clash between Brazil and West Germany

however — despite being billed as a dress rehearsal for the World Cup Final — was a boring, physical game which failed to bring any praise from the experts.

Famous Italian coach Helenio Herrera, in Rio as a FIFA observer and commentator for Venezuelan television, was unimpressed.

He said: I didn't like it. I don't think either side showed its full power although Brazil were without Socrates and Cerezo and Germany without Rummenigge."

Argentine manager Cesar Menotti saw the game too, but claimed: "I didn't learn anything.

"The heat stopped the Germans playing well and I didn't enjoy the game. Zico was very tightly marked as he will be in Spain."

Menotti is no more forthcoming about the rumours concerning his future after the World Cup Finals, although latest reports suggest he could take over Real Madrid.

A story has been released in the Spanish sports press that Real president Luis de Carlos wants to bring Menotti and one of his team's star players — Raymond Diaz of River Plate — to the Santiago Bernabeu.

It has yet to be confirmed by the Argentine boss even though he has declared he is keen to quit his international post after the World Cup Finals.

But extra substance was added to the rumour when it was announced that Madrid and manager Viujadom Boskov had parted company following an embarrassing League defeat in Las Palmas.

If Menotti and Diaz do end up with Real, it will almost certainly signal the end of Laurie Cunningham's unhappy career with the club.

He will probably go on sale with one year of his contract remaining.



Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (white shirt) — an injury worry for West Germany.

WOLVES DEFENDER JOE GALLAGHER REVEALS A

Secret dread

Paul Stratton brings you the inside

story behind the bust-up which

has left one of the country's top

defenders in no man's land . . .

TRANSFER-listed England international Joe Gallagher secretly dreads that he may be sentenced to playing out the rest of the season in Wolves reserves.

After being dropped by new Molineux boss Ian Greaves prior to the home game against Swansea on March 20, Joe was put up for sale 'by mutual agreement'.

But by the time he was listed, the all-important transfer deadline had passed, making him ineligible to play for another club this season.

And Joe admits: "I want to get away as quickly as possible and, while I'm living in hope that another club comes in, it's difficult to see it happening because I won't be able to play for them."

Deadline

"With deadline day gone, it's left me in no-man's land because there's no chance of a reconciliation with Wolves."

The England 'B' international then revealed: "I never wanted to leave Birmingham when I did."

"I still had two years of my contract to run at St Andrew's, but then manager Jim Smith wanted me out."

"I had to hold up my hands and go."

Even so, when Joe joined Wolves for £350,000 in the close season, he had high hopes that the move could turn out to be his passport to a World Cup Finals place with England.

He said at the time: "If Wolves can finish high up in the League or enjoy a good cup run, England manager Ron Greenwood may be tempted to come and look at me."

Then Wolves boss John Barnwell immediately made his new signing the team skipper and he got off to a perfect start by leading the 'Wanderers' to a 1-0 victory over European Champions Liverpool on the opening day of the season.

It's all such a contrast now with Wolves staring relegation in the face and Joe intent on leaving the club.

Joe explained the events which led to him going on the transfer list.

"The manager pulled me to one side before that Swansea match and explained that he felt I could be doing better."

"He told me I was dropped for Saturday's game and that young John Fender would take my place."

"It came as one heck of a shock. Firstly, being captain, it's not something you expect, and secondly I didn't agree that there was anything wrong with my form."

"I had been enjoying my football — the club's position in the League apart — and as far as I was concerned, I was playing the same way I had always played . . . and playing well!"

"However, I suppose if a manager doesn't fancy you as a player he'll get rid of you — captain or not — and when he asked me whether I wanted to go on the list my answer was yes."

"The trouble is that deadline

day had come and gone.

"It's all very disappointing for me because I don't want reserve team football, but at present I don't have any choice."

What makes it worse for the talented 27-year-old is that in 11 years with Birmingham, Joe had made only five reserve team appearances — a record of which he was very proud.

He'd already added two to that total prior to this season's Easter programme.

Regrets

"I want to keep my reserve team appearances to a minimum, but all I can do is wait and hope."

"I'd love to remain in the First Division of course and, in my heart, I know I will do, but just when I can return to top flight action is another matter."

Despite all that has gone, Joe says he doesn't regret joining Wolves.

"I had been at Birmingham for 11 years and that's a long time in anyone's book."

"I looked forward to a fresh start and making a clean break of things."

"As I said at the time, I was hopeful that if Wolves did well and I played well for them I could start making noises about international recognition."

"Unfortunately, the team struggled and I think we may have had a few too many inexperienced heads in the side for a team battling against relegation."

Joe Gallagher
had every reason to join
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LAURA Cole (15) of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, rates Aston Villa's Dennis Mortimer as a great leader.



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Countdown to the Scottish Cup Final. We talk to the Rangers stalwart who'll be bidding for his sixth winner's medal on May 22.

Sandy Jardine — bidding to appear in his seventh FA Cup Final in succession.

SANDY'S SEVENTH HEAVEN

IT'S little wonder that Rangers' long-serving defender Sandy Jardine regards Hampden Park as his second home.

For the former Scottish international is due to make his 13th appearance in a domestic cup final when Rangers step out next month for their record-equalling seventh successive FA Cup Final.

He's figured in every one of the previous six and he hopes that he will be receiving his sixth FA Cup winner's medal at the expense of Premier Division rivals Aberdeen on May 22.

He also has four League Cup winners' medals in his collections the latest coming earlier this season when the Glasgow giants wrested the trophy from the grip of Dundee United.

But, despite his experience of the big occasion, Sandy will get the same thrill next month as he did when he made his first FA Cup Final appearance in the 3-2 defeat of the 'Auld Enemy' Celtic in 1973.

"If I don't get the nerves and the butterflies, I will think there is something wrong," he says.

"It's a big occasion with all the glory that goes with it and I get the same thrill year in year out."

"Mind you, I would gladly swap it this season for the League Championship."

"The Cup Final is a grand occasion, but it's the League title that means most because that judges a team over the whole season."

"But if we can't win the League title, then one of the cups is next best, and we could have both of them this season."

"People are always asking me which Final gave me the biggest thrill, and I always talk about the 3-2 win over Celtic in 1973."

"I think the mere fact that it was a tremendous game to play in made it the most memorable, but they are all nice, particularly when you win."

Rangers have now equalled the record of seven successive cup finals achieved by Glasgow rivals Celtic between 1969 and 1975.

"Although I'm not a great man for records and statistics, it's obviously nice to equal or break them, but I'm more interested in beating Aberdeen next month," adds Sandy, who has finished on the losing side twice against Celtic in recent cup finals.

Rangers defeated Aberdeen 2-1 in the 1978 Final, but Sandy admits that the current 'Dons' team are a far different proposition.

"They didn't play particularly well that day and I think they may well have learned from



that experience.

"They have some very talented players and I'm certain it's going to be a tough game, but I'm confident about the outcome."

Rangers had a few problems in overcoming the threat of Second Division Forfar in the Semi-Finals.

"We were under some pressure because we were expected to win quite comfortably, and we didn't play very well in the first match that ended goalless," he says.

"All credit to tiny Forfar for putting up a game fight, but in the replay it was a different story and we should have won far more convincingly than 3-1."

"The Rangers team is going through a transitional period at the moment with several youngsters being blooded, but I'm sure we shall soon be back to challenge Celtic for the Premier Division honours."

"While we are waiting for that, we will quite happily settle for cup victories."

Jardine's Cup record

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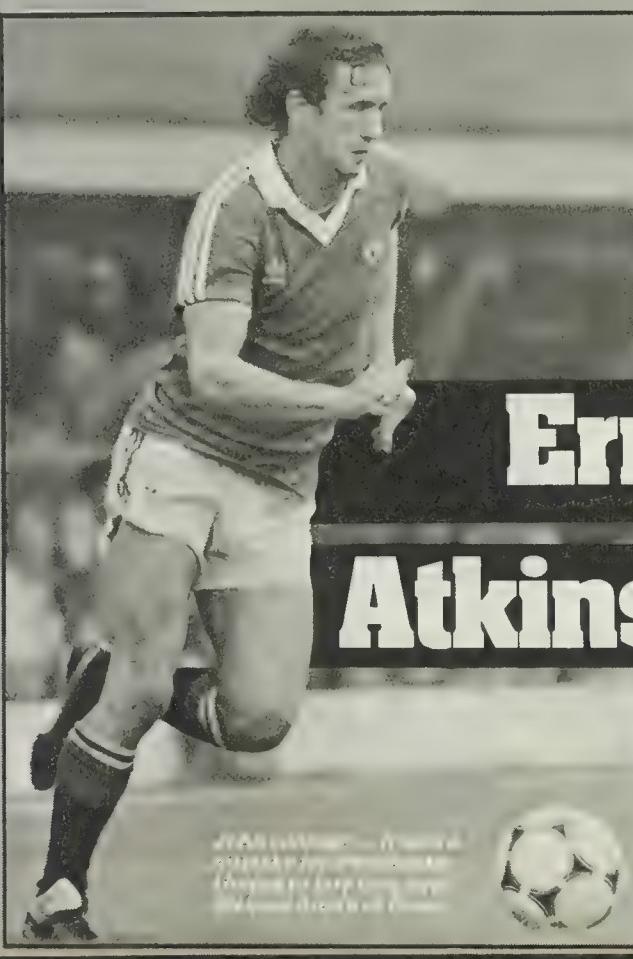
HOTEL BALLYHOO

THERE'S been a lot of rubbish talked about England's choice of hotel for the forthcoming World Cup Finals.

As long as the hotel is comfortable, it doesn't matter one iota what the beaches look like. The players aren't going there to laze in the sun!

A good night's sleep and good food is all that matters to the players.

Mike Laney, Portishead, Bristol.



Errors by Atkinson . . .

RON Atkinson has brought the flair, skill and crowds back to Old Trafford, but in my mind the former West Brom boss has made three mistakes.

One was buying John Gidman. Two was selling Sammy McIlroy. And three was not giving Jimmy Nicholl a game when other players were out.

Richard Smith, Hadleigh, Essex.

STATHAM SNUBBED

HOW long can England manager Ron Greenwood continue to ignore West Brom's full-back Derek Statham?

Derek has been in magnificent form this season and has been one of the driving forces behind the club's re-emergence.

As I see it, Ron will be taking four full-backs with him to Spain. They will be Phil Neal (Liverpool) and Kenny Sansom (Arsenal), with reserves Mick Mills (Ipswich) and Forest's Viv Anderson.

I believe that Derek deserves the vote over Viv Anderson and he should provide the competition to Kenny Sansom.

At 23, he's still young enough to have a great international career ahead of him and he's experienced enough having played more than 150 games for Albion since his debut in 1977. B. Anderson, Spennymoor, County Durham.



Derek Statham — how long can Ron Greenwood continue to ignore him, asks B. Anderson of County Durham?

A dog's life

AFTER the Year of the Cockerel, when Spurs won the FA Cup, it's now the Year of the Dog.

Here's how I see it: The TERRIERS (Huddersfield) are making a strong bid to move into the Third Division promotion race, while Manchester United's Ray 'BUTCH' Wilkins is hoping to become a regular in the England World Cup team, who have BULLDOG BOBBY as their mascot.

In the Scotland camp Alan RUFF (sorry Rough!) will be hoping to keep his job as his country's number one, while St Mirren's Jim BONE is enjoying a good season in the Premier Division.

Down at KENILworth Road, Luton are hoping to replace Middlesbrough who don't WINALOT in the First Division.

Philip Wall, Cookhill, Alcester, Warks.

OUTRAGED! ROKER ROCKET FOR RON!

I'M outraged that England failed to beat Spanish club side Athletic Bilbao. And what on Earth is Ron Greenwood thinking about when he picks the likes of Brooking, Coppell, Foster and Alvin Martin?

It's about time he ventured further north than Leeds and

visited Roker Park to take a look at Shaun Elliott, Stan Cummins and Rob Hindmarch.

Gerard Carolan (14), Penshaw, Sunderland.

● He might just do that . . . if Sunderland are playing West Ham, Manchester United or Brighton! You're off!

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Liverpool play it smart



I'M a Leeds fanatic but I believe Liverpool set a great example to other First Division teams.

Their motto seems to be this: Don't spend any more money than you have to.

The team has brought success after success to Anfield — this season, for instance, they have won the League Cup and are once more challenging for the Championship.

And, on their travels, they always play attacking — sometimes breathtaking — football, which the fans want to see.

But they have made only two really big-money signings — Craig Johnston and Mark Lawrenson.

What they do is buy up-and-coming players before they become famous and demand high transfer fees.

Take Ian Rush for example. And Kenny Dalglish was a snap at £450,000.

Every year they bring outstanding youngsters up through the ranks like Ronnie Whelan and Sammy Lee — both of whom seem destined to be international stars.

It is so different with clubs like Manchester United and Manchester City who splash out big money but still don't get success.

Well done Liverpool!
T. D. Lyons, Gomersal, West Yorks.



OSSIE BEATS THE BOO-BOYS

I WAS angered and very surprised at the treatment a section of the crowd gave Osvaldo Ardiles (left) during the FA Cup Semi-Final tie between Tottenham and Leicester.

I find it unnecessary that people have to relate politics to football and all credit to Ossie for ignoring the crowd and putting in a great performance.

Daniel Barden, Padstow, Cornwall.

Money-mad players

I'M outraged over the massive amounts of money players are paid. Some of them ask, and get, over a thousand pounds a game.

That's ridiculous. I'd be only too pleased to play for £200 a game. Gary Bluelmel, Orpington, Kent.

● SO would I. But, like me, you'll have to pay your 50p match fee so that you can turn out for your local Sunday side. And here's £2 to help . . . you're booked.

Gunners' aim

I'M outraged at the attention you give Arsenal. Where would their fans sooner see them — playing entertaining football near the bottom of Division One or fighting for a place in Europe at the top?

In my book, results come before entertainment.

Paul Halliday, Shoreham, Sussex.

● You and Arsenal should be very happy together then. You're booked.

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ALL CHANGE AT CREWE

'Match' is the magazine for the off-beat stories and here we turn the spotlight on the striker who reverted to his schoolboy role with spectacular results.

WHEN you play for hard-up Crewe, you are expected to turn your hands to most things.

And that's why regular striker Colin Chesters accepted his role as emergency goalkeeper for a Fourth Division clash at Darlington without even the hint of protest.

The mere fact that he had played in goal at junior school made him the only realistic candidate when regular 'keeper Ken Mulhearn cried off with a back injury.

Ken's deputy for three years, non-contract player Nick Langley, was holidaying in Majorca, and the Football League wouldn't allow the basement club to register a replacement.

Minutes

So former Derby forward Colin pulled on the goalkeeper's jersey for the first time in League combat . . . and had the audacity to save a penalty!

He was finally beaten just six minutes from time with a goal that came off the knees of unsuspecting Darlington player Tony McFadden, but Colin had done enough to suggest that he might have made a career between the sticks.

"Apart from the first five minutes when a back-pass bounced off my knees, I did fairly well.

"Once the nerves had disappeared and I clutched a couple of crosses, I never had too many problems, apart from the penalty.

"It was quite amusing really, with one team-mate telling me to dive one way and another pointing in the opposite direction.

"But I made my own decision

How striker Colin saved a penalty

and, although the lad struck it well, I chose right and managed to push the ball away.

"The lads were jumping about as if we had won the cup."

Colin had been groomed as a possible 'keeper last season when Crewe faced a similar dilemma.

"With Ken injured, I played in a reserve game in case I was needed but, in the end, I wasn't.

"But I would have no fears about playing in goal again. I found that 90 per cent of the time was spent kicking the ball.

"I played regularly in goal at junior school, but in the end I got bored with that and so tried my hand as striker.

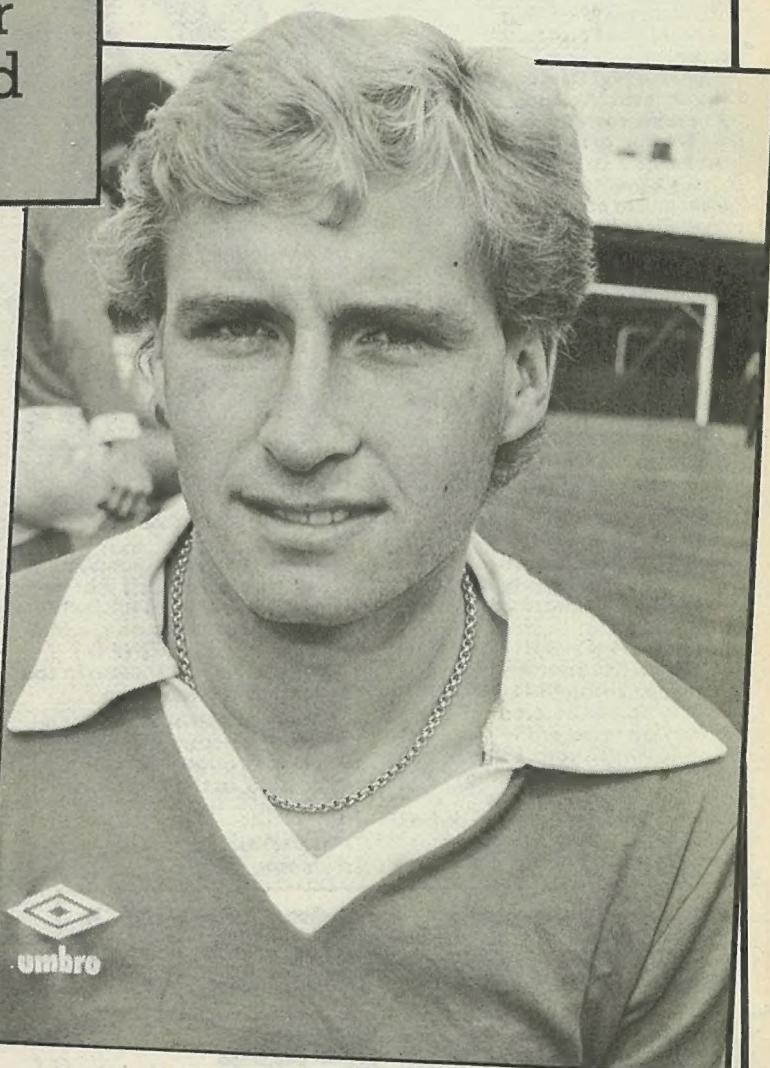
"Ironically, at junior school I kept two former Crewe goalkeepers out of the side, so you never know, I might have made it as a 'keeper."

But with Crewe's reserve 'keeper back from the sunshine, Colin was soon back bidding to score goals rather than stop them in Crewe's fight to climb away from the re-election zone.

"We've not had the best of luck this season and I suppose I have to take some of the responsibility for our poor scoring record.

"It's one long struggle when you are bottom of the League. You just have to soldier on in the hope that the luck will change."

Right: Colin Chesters — the striker turned goalkeeper who saved a penalty!



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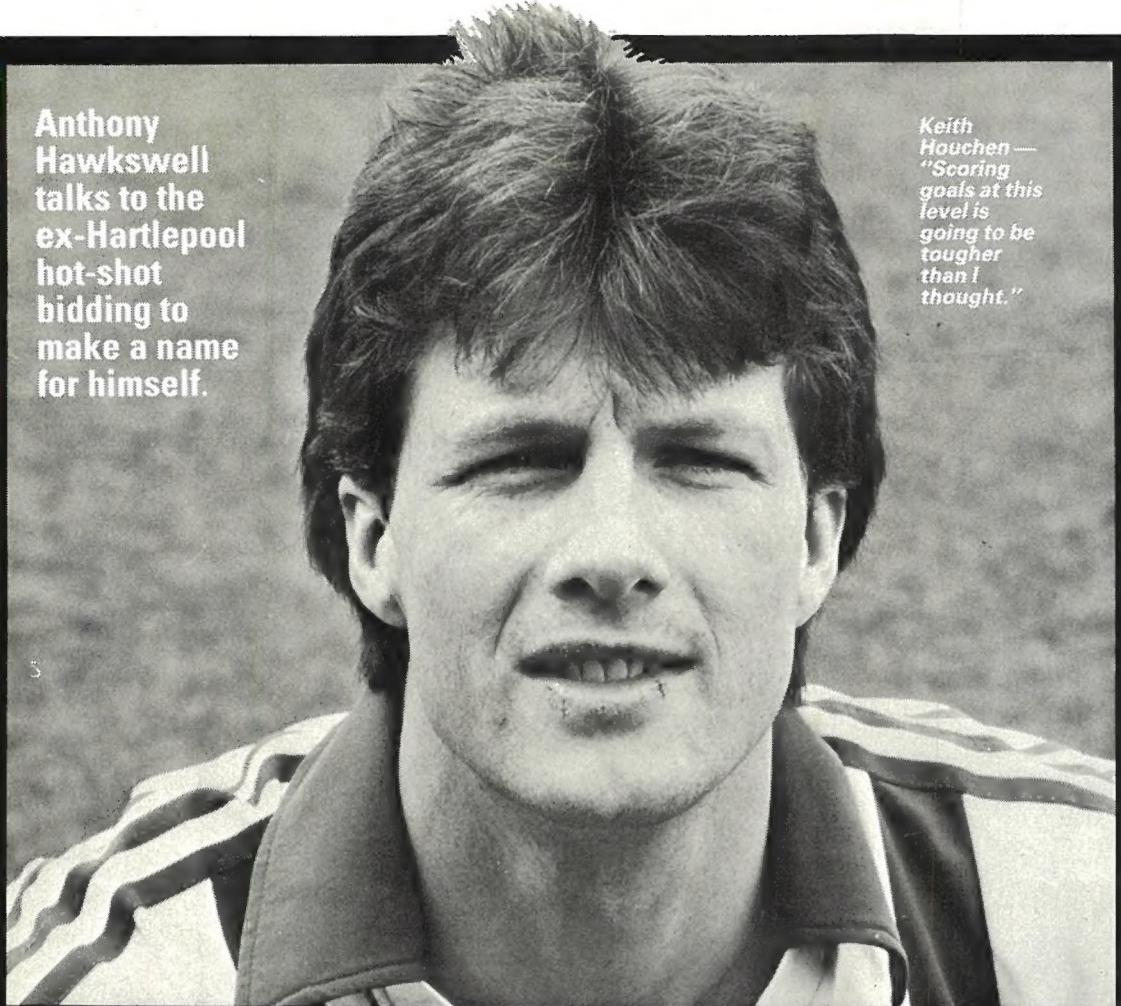
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Anthony Hawkswell talks to the ex-Hartlepool hot-shot bidding to make a name for himself.



Keith Houchen — "Scoring goals at this level is going to be tougher than I thought."

Orient ordeal

NEW Orient striker Keith Houchen admits to feeling like a 'country boy' in the big city following his move from the soccer outpost of Hartlepool.

And it's not only the bright lights and the nightlife of London that are so different.

He's found out the hard way that Second Division defences aren't going to be easy to breach.

Keith was Hartlepool's leading scorer for the past three seasons and that's why Ken Knighton splashed out £25,000 on transfer deadline day to take him to Brisbane Road.

But the 21-year-old couldn't have wished for a tougher baptism. His first three games in an Orient shirt were against promotion chasers Sheffield Wednesday, Luton and Queen's Park Rangers.

"I soon found out that scoring goals at this level is going to be tougher than I thought. Against Sheffield Wednesday on my debut, I managed two shots at goal, but at Luton I didn't have one," said Keith.

"I haven't been playing with the confidence I had at Hartlepool, but I'm sure that will come when the goals start going in."

"It's such a completely

TOUGH START FOR KEITH

different way of life down here. Everything is bigger than I've been used to. I wasn't really prepared for such a change.

"It takes time to make new friends and, while you're doing that, you miss your old mates back home, but I'm starting to get used to it now.

"I've been lucky in that David Peach joined at the same time as me so we've been able to help each other settle down."

Rumours

Keith admits that he expected to spend the rest of the season in the Fourth Division with Hartlepool even though there had been transfer rumours for some time.

"I was told that Ken Knighton was watching me, but then I didn't hear anything for a couple of weeks and I thought it had all blown over.

"The first I knew of the deal was the day before the deadline. "Joining Orient is a massive

step in my career. I've been wanting to get away from Hartlepool for the last couple of years. I wanted a better grade of football."

Earlier this season, it looked as if the Middlesbrough-born striker was on his way to Cardiff after the Welsh club put in a reported £80,000 bid.

"I was annoyed when that didn't go through. I still can't believe they turned down that amount — especially as they finally let me go for considerably less.

"Now that I've finally left Hartlepool, I miss the place. They are a great bunch of lads and I enjoyed my time there.

"But I'm sure I'll find it is exactly that same down here as soon as I get to know my new team-mates properly."

Keith now faces a battle to help his new team avoid the drop to the Third Division. He says: "It would be very disappointing for me if we got relegated after such a short time in Division Two.

"But we've got a couple of games in hand over our fellow strugglers and most of our remaining matches are against teams in the bottom half of the table.

"My immediate aim now is to get on the scoresheet and help us stay up."

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